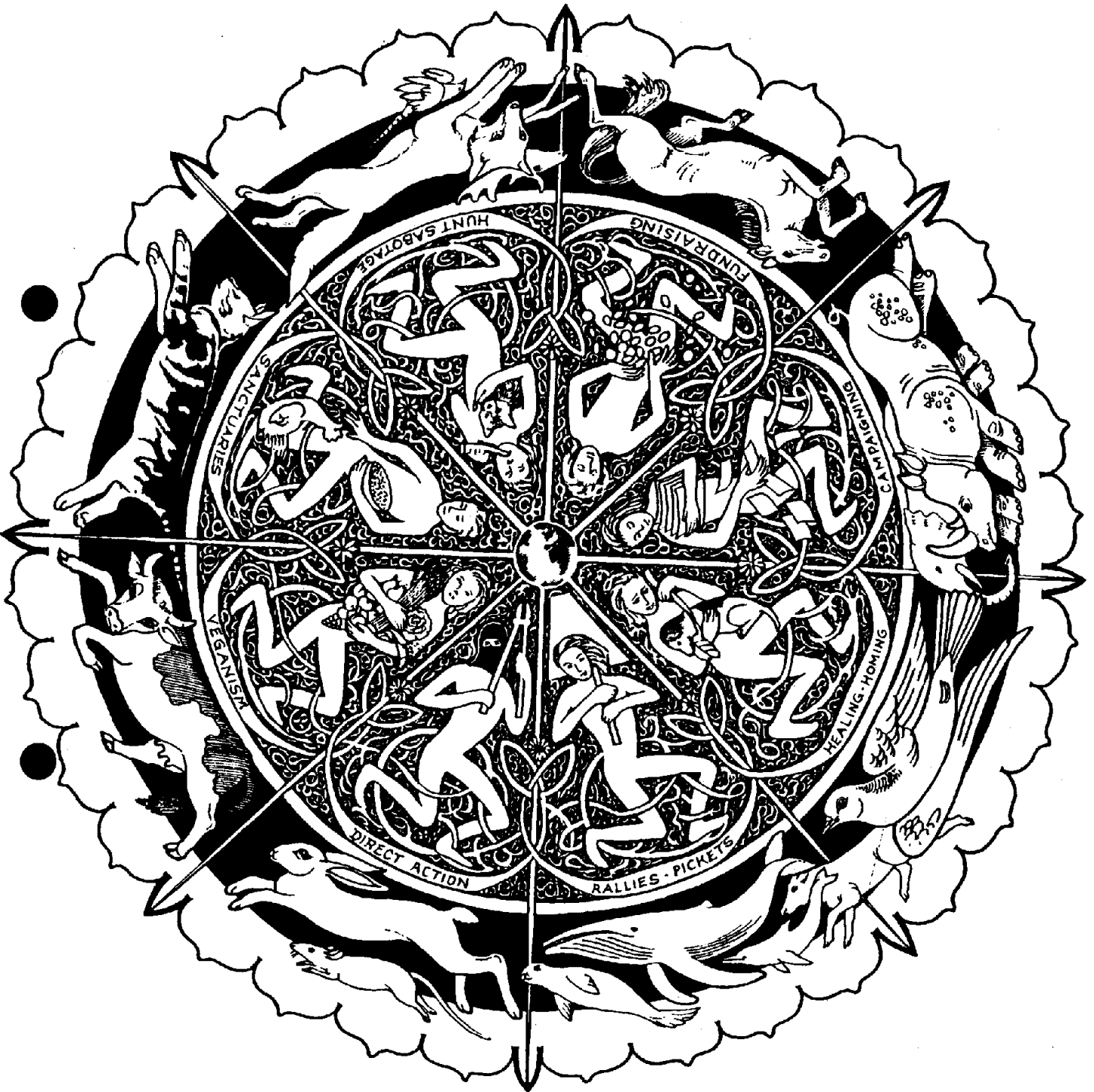


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Arkangel Editorial

Arkangel magazine is committed to drawing together all sections of the animal rights/liberation movement and reporting on the various successes achieved by both local groups and national organisations.

While bickering and recrimination goes on between these groups, animals are being tortured to death and murdered by the million. The end result of this in-fighting can only lead to a weaker opposition - while the movement has the potential, if united, to crush animal abuse once and for all.

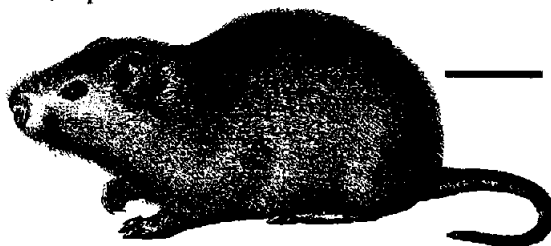
Arkangel welcomes positive, constructive criticism regarding the activities of groups and organisations, but will not get dragged into arguments about whether one group is better or more effective than another. All

campaigning is useful - from letter writing, to direct action - if it brings us one step closer to animal liberation. The squabbling and holier-than-thou attitude of so many only serves to take us one step further away.

Recently the League Against Cruel Sports actually discouraged its members from attending the recent National March Against Hunting. With friends like these, who needs enemies? It is the last thing the animals need.

Until everyone who believes in animal liberation (the liberation of all animals from abuse and exploitation) manages to work and fight together, animals will continue to be abused, exploited and murdered.

Plan 2000



Over 100 top celebrities and politicians have joined the campaign to get all animal experiments banned by the year 2000, as described by the plan's founder, Vernon Coleman, in Arkangel 11. Here is the latest list:

Alan Meale MP
Alexei Sayle
Andrew Bowden MP
Andrew Faulds MP
Barbara Dickson
Bill Etherington MP
Bill Oler MP
Bob Monkhouse
Bob Parry MP
Brian Blessed
Brigid Brophy
Brigitte Bardot
Bruno Brookes
Bryan Forbes
Carla Lane
Carol Royle
Carter the Unstoppable
Sex Machine
Celia Hammond
Charlie Watts
Chris Mullin MP
Chrissie Hynde
David Morris MEP
David Shepherd
Dennis Skinner MP
Dusty Springfield
Ed Bicknell
Elkie Brooks
Faith Brown
Gary Wilmot
George Baker

Gerry Steinberg MP
Harry Cohen MP
Hayley Mills
Herbert Lom
Imelda Staunton
Ingrid Pitt
Jacques Tauran (Deputy to
EC Parliament)
James Fox
Jason Donovan
Jenny Seagrove
Jim Lee
Jimmy Somerville
Jo Brand
Joanna Lumley
John Pilger
John Bird
John McArdle
Julia McKenzie
Ken Livingstone MP
Kim Wilde
Lene Lovich
Linda McCartney
Linda Lusardi
Liz Fraser
Lizzy Welch
Lord Pandit Prof Dr Sir
Anton Jayasuriya
Lulu
Lynda Bellingham
Lynsey De Paul

Marje Proops
Matthew Kelly
Michael Mansfield QC
Midge Ure
Mike Hall MP
Mike Elliot MEP
Nanette Newman
Nick Ainger MP
Nigel Hawthorne
Nigel Havers
Nik Kershaw
Nyree Dawn Porter OBE
Otto von Habsburg MEP
Paddy Tipping MP
Pam St Clement
Paul McCartney
Paul Flynn MP
Penelope Keith
Penny Junor
Pete Murray
Peter Crompton MEP
Peter Griffiths MP
Peter Cushing
Professor Andrew Linzey
Richard Wilson
Richard Briers

Richard Adams
Rita Tushingham
Robert Lindsay
Robert Wyatt
Roger Godsiff MP
Roger Lloyd Pack
Rolf Harris
Russell Grant
Sean Hughes
Sheila Steafel
Shirley Watts
Sir John Gielgud
Spike Milligan
Stan Newens MEP
Stephanie Beacham
Stephen Byers MP
Susan Hampshire
Terry Patchett MP
The late Bill Travers
Tom Watt
Tom Spencer MEP
Tony Banks MP
Tony Blackburn
Tony Britton
Victor Spinetti
Wendy Richard

*(Readers can get more information about Plan 2000 by writing to:
Plan 2000 Information Office,
234 Summergangs Rd, Hull HU8 8LL.)*

Local Group Reports

ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (LONDON)

c/o CALF, Box BM 8889, London WC1N 3XX

On the 15th May, ARC (London) held its second meeting and 22 people from various animal rights groups in and around London attended. Protests organised included the leafleting of the Anti-Nazi League carnival where 3,000 leaflets detailing events and groups addresses were handed out. On June 4th, 8 ARC (London) people surrounded the dead sheep at the Serpentine Gallery as a protest against sick artist Damien Hirst, and on 16th June a demo took place at the publishers of Anglers Mail to mark anti-angling week.

On July 16th, 3 people handed out leaflets at Westminster Hall where the National Trust were holding an EGM regarding whether or not stag hunting should be allowed on National Trust land. ARC (London) meet every 3 months.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CHESTERFIELD

c/o M.A.R.G., PO Box 39, Mansfield

Animal Rights Chesterfield have produced a leaflet asking people to think carefully before getting a pet. They also inform people of the cruelty involved in bringing exotic animals into this country such as monkeys and wild birds.

ANTI-SHAMROCK CAMPAIGN

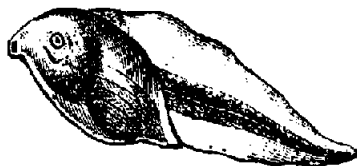
PO Box 307, Ship Street, Brighton, East Sussex

World Day For Laboratory Animals Against Shamrock Farm was held on Sunday April 10th. Around 400 people attended the rally which lasted two hours. Speeches were made by Terry Hill, the private investigator, who spent several months working inside Shamrock, and Dave Hammond, the Event Organiser. A 30 minute video has been produced featuring monkey trapping in the wild, scenes from inside Shamrock Farm and footage of the campaign. It is available for £6 including postage and packing.

AVON VEGANS

*c/o Karma Cottage, 3 The Rock, Brislington,
Bristol BS4 4PU*

Avon Vegans has been set up as part of the South West Region Vegetarian Coalition initiative. The primary aim of Avon Vegans is to unite and socially interact with vegans throughout Avon. The group will also look at campaigning

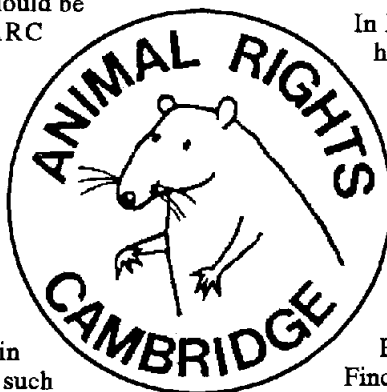


if members wish to do so. Please write to the above address, enclosing an SAE for more information and details of how to join.

ANIMAL RIGHTS CAMBRIDGE 74 Sturton Street, Cambridge CB1 2QA

Animal Rights Cambridge meet at 8.00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of every month at The Bath House, Gwydir Street, Cambridge.

In May, Anne Campbell MP gave a talk on hare coursing and foxhunting to Animal Rights Cambridge and Cambridge Anti-Bloodsports Society.



BARNET ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

*PO Box 76, Barnet, Herts. EN4
9AW*

BARG primarily covers the Barnet and Finchley areas. They hold regular meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00 pm at the Quaker Meeting House, 58 Alexandra Grove, West Finchley, London N12, usually with a video presentation or discussion, and the occasional guest speaker. Regular leafleting sessions are held on a Saturday morning in Barnet or Finchley. New supporters always welcome.

B.H.S.A.

c/o PO Box 355, Basingstoke

Past activities have included letters of protests to holiday companies which promote hunt meets. For details of current events, please contact above address.

BELFAST ANIMAL RIGHTS

*PO Box 148, Belfast BT1 2LZ
0232 314076*

Belfast Animal Rights held their World Day demo outside Queens University which was attended by 50-60 people. They also had a stall where students were able to watch videos showing the cruelty and fraudulence of animal experiments. They had three coffins on the demo - two to represent the animals which had suffered and died at

Queens University, and one to represent the humans throughout the world who had died as a result of taking drugs tested on animals. An informative newsletter called Ermintrude is available.

BANGOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (BAR)

c/o The Greenhouse, 1 Trevelyan Terrace, Bangor, Gwynedd, North Wales

BAR is a newly formed group and they would like to hear from anyone in the area interested in animal rights. For details of meetings etc, please write to the address above. They would also like to hear from other groups in Wales and North West England with a view to supporting each other's actions.

BARNSELY ANIMAL RIGHTS

0226 742993

Contact Margaret on the above number for further information regarding participation in activities organised in the Barnsley area. Local information stalls are set up, demos attended, pickets and public meetings arranged.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

This group is pleased to announce growing support and increased activity over the last year. Recent campaigns have included pickets outside McDonalds, and leafleting sessions outside a Glaxo careers presentation, supermarkets selling Faroese fish and a cinema showing Free Willy. They recently had a very well attended speaker meeting with Dr. Gill Langley talking on alternatives to vivisection and students have been encouraged to carry the Humane Research Donor Card. Many members are active in the local hunt saboteurs, and members have attended the Grand National demo, the World Day march, circus demos, and an inspection of the Huntingdon Research Centre.

C H SABS / LAKELAND ANIMAL AID

PO Box 83, Carlisle, Cumbria.

Sabs hold regular stalls and have been collecting signatures for the National Anti-Hunt Petition. Lakeland Animal Aid have held demos against Boots and circuses and the group is continuing to hold demos against



McDonalds. The local group's stalls are proving to be successful.

CAT CONCERN (AND OTHER ANIMALS)

PO Box 234, Hounslow TW3 2QG

In the last year over 200 animals have been rescued, homed, treated for illness and/or neutered and spayed. 17 homes act as foster homes for rescues. The group continues to accept gifts of tins and biscuits from the public. Strict checks are carried out by volunteers before an animal is rehomed with a new owner.

CLOSE DOWN LEYDEN STREET CHICKEN SLAUGHTERHOUSE

(East London)

The campaign against Leyden Street chicken slaughterhouse continues - battery hens are kept there in cramped conditions awaiting a cruel end. A picket is held outside Leyden Street Slaughterhouse on the first and third Sunday of every month. They meet at Liverpool Street underground/British mainline station at the main entrance between 10.45 to 11.00 am. Supporters welcome.

DARTMOOR BADGERS PROTECTION LEAGUE

*Riverside Cottage, Poundsgate,
Newton Abbot, Devon TQ13 7NV
0626 773744*

The Dartmoor Badgers Protection League are asking people to write to their MP's calling for a complete halt to badger killing by the Ministry of Agriculture. They are also protesting against South West Water's plans to construct an access road through woods in Dartmouth which would destroy some badger setts and put others in peril. Annual subscriptions £2, members receive a quarterly newsletter.

DEVON VEGANS (Campaigns Unit)

c/o The Old Forge, Throwleigh EX20 2HS

Devon Vegans (Campaigns Unit) are currently highlighting the cruelty involved in rabbit farming. In Britain 40,000 rabbits are slaughtered per week. They invite people wanting a full list of rabbit farms in the South West to send an SAE to the above address. Devon Vegans (Campaigns Unit) would like to hear from other groups to publicise their campaigns in their newsletter.

EAST ANGLIAN CAMPAIGN FOR ETHICAL RESEARCH

About 20 activists from Suffolk and Norfolk mounted a protest outside a Suffolk laboratory complex where experiments are conducted on live animals. The protesters handed in a letter to the management of Pharmaco LSR at Occold calling for less secrecy surrounding experiments



and asking for animal welfare groups to be allowed to look around.

EAST KENT ANIMAL WELFARE
0304 363071/830873/362666

An all-night vigil was held at Dover Docks on July 29th to protest against live exports. The following day a march and rally was held from Dover docks through town into Pencester Gardens. Guest speakers invited to attend included Tony Banks MP, Andrew Bowden MP and Phil Lymbery (CIWF).

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS (FAUNA)
PO Box 156, Cardiff, South Wales CF5 5YD

FAUNA is campaigning to make Cardiff City Council ban angling on the Roath Park lake, where many birds have become entangled in discarded and broken fishing line. Previous successful campaigns have included a plan to introduce ostrich farming in Penmark being rejected by Councillors, who refused planning permission after reading Fauna's detailed letters on the cruelty involved.

FRIENDS OF THE ANIMALS
c/o 70 High Street Leicester LE1 5YP

Stalls are held three times a week in Leicester city centre. The group raises public awareness on veganism. Local demos against Boots, McDonalds and butchers are organised. A foster home has been set up for homeless dogs, cats, mice, etc. It neuters and spays animals and organises home checks. The group is run by vegans but anyone is welcome to assist them in their work.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ANIMAL
RIGHTS CAMPAIGN**
PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6LU

HARC is run by the same people involved in the National Anti-Hunt Petition. The petition now has over a quarter of a million signatures and hunt bans have been secured in Somerset, Hampshire and Leicestershire.

HUNTINGDON ANIMALS RIGHTS
PO Box 83, Huntingdon, Cambs. PE18 9HD

This is a new animal rights group and if anyone is interested, please contact the above address.

**I.O.W. ANIMAL PRESERVATION AND
ACTION GROUP**
**Little Spinney, Solent Road, Cranmore, Yarmouth,
Isle of Wight PO41 0XY**

This group produces Preserve, an informative bulletin. They organised a sponsored bicycle ride in August. For

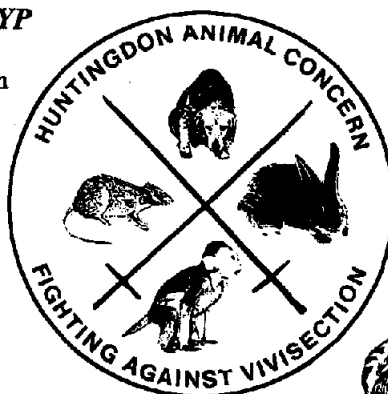
further details contact the above address.

LONDON VEGANS
7 Deansbrook Road, Edgware, Middx. HA8 9BE

London Vegans organise various socials, catering and information stalls throughout the London area. Regular meetings are held on the last Wednesday of every month (except December) at the Millman Street Community Rooms, WC1. London Vegans produce a brilliant mailout list on the activities taking place up and down the country.

LONDON BOOTS ACTION GROUP
c/o Alara, 58 Seven Sisters Road, London N7 6AA

The LBAG was set up in October 1991 to campaign against Boots' animal experiments. They are calling for a boycott of all Boots stores and products until the company ceases animal testing. They are producing an Alternative Report on Boots detailing all their undesirable activities. To receive the report and a regular newsletter, please send a donation of at least £3 for one year's LBAG membership.



**LONDON ANIMAL
PROTECTION LEAGUE**
BM L.A.P.L., London WC1N 3XX

The London Animal Protection League, formed in April 1994 aims to campaign against all forms of animal abuse in London, as well as supporting and encouraging others to get involved in the struggle for animal liberation. They have no membership fees and produce newsletters, but people can become members by attending their events which are publicised in their National Animal Rights calendar - a copy can be sent on request.

**MIDLANDS ANIMAL
RIGHTS COALITION
(M.A.R.C)**

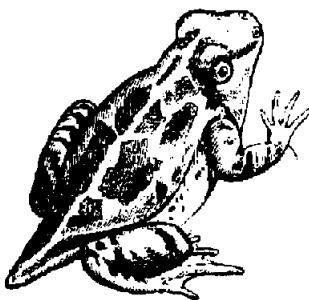
PO Box 43, Dudley, West Midlands DY3 3DL

M.A.R.C. is growing as a true coalition and is finding it very productive working with other groups. They have recently been joined by Wolverhampton Hunt Sabs, the Birmingham Animal Rights Campaigns Group, Dudley Animal Concern, Walsall Animal Rights and Wyre Forest Animal Concern. Two local universities have AR/Green groups which have expressed an interest in joining. M.A.R.C. recently held protests outside McDonalds in West Bromwich and Dudley Zoo. They are also launching a new leaflet on the exotic meat trade which includes ostrich and bison meat.

NEWCASTLE ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION

PO Box 1JY, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1JY

On 6th April 1994, three animal rights activists, all members of NARC, disrupted the North's most prestigious greyhound racing event, the BBC trophy, at Sun Bonds Ltd. Sunderland Greyhound Stadium. The protesters



scaled the perimeter fence and stormed the track seconds before the hare passed the traps where the dogs were waiting to start the race. The hare was stopped by officials at the last second, and a banner was unfurled behind the traps reading NO SPEED, NO GOOD - 30,000 losers butchered per year. The result was that the televised race, seen by millions on the BBC's Sportsnight programme, live, was delayed by 7 minutes and received coverage by newspapers and radio nationwide. The three activists were attacked by racegoers before being arrested for Breach of the Peace and held for around 3 hours.

NORTH WEST VEGGIES CATERING

**PO Box 38, Manchester M60 1NX
061 953 4039**

North West Veggies works along the same lines as the original Veggies providing great food at assorted Animal Rights and Green events. They would be happy to hear from anyone planning an event either in the North West, or a larger event in the North of England.

PRESTON ACTION FOR ANIMALS

PO Box 385, Ashton, Preston PR2

If anyone in the Preston area is interested in the group's activities, please contact them at the above address.

SOUTH WEST REGION VEGETARIAN COALITION

**c/o Devon Vegans, The Old Forge, Throwleigh,
Devon EX20 2HS**

This coalition is hoping to be able to unite vegetarian/vegan groups and contacts throughout the South West of England. They want to encourage help and

support, and to motivate vegetarians to get together, exchange campaign information and offer each other advice. The coalition uses the term vegetarian in the loosest form possible, as no groups will be excluded.

SOUTH EAST ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (SEARC)

**19a Amherst Road, Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex
TN40 1QH**

An informative newsletter, The National Link, is available containing the latest news regarding the campaign against Sealink and lots more besides. For more information, write to SEARC.

SHEFFIELD NEUTERING AND SPAYING SCHEME

**193 Firth Park Road, Sheffield S5 6WU
0742 420434**

This is a new group in the Sheffield area which aims to promote neutering and spaying through education and also to help people on low incomes or state benefits with the cost of getting their animals neutered/spayed. They also undertake some rescue work. They raise funds by doing car boot sales, and any saleable goods or donations are always welcome.



SURREY ANIMAL RIGHTS

**PO Box 787, South Croydon CR2
6TG**

Surrey Animal Rights have received good newspaper coverage of their protests outside Boots and Cancer Research shops. For more details, please write to above address.

SUTTON ANIMAL ACTION

**33 Lower Road, Sutton, Surrey SM1 4QJ
081 241 8674**

Sutton Animal Action is run by active animal rights campaigners who seek to draw public awareness towards all aspects of cruelty in the area. They divide any profits from their stalls between local animal sanctuaries. Their main aim is to involve more people in sabbing and demonstrations.

SURREY BADGER PROTECTION SOCIETY

0883 344662

This registered charity is affiliated to the National Federation of Badger Groups. The SBPS recently made strong representation to the Council to support the motion to ban hunting on council owned land. The society's concerns about the stopping of badger setts by the hunt were supported by the county's own Ranger service. The

vote was won by the anti-hunting councillors by 10 votes to 7. The recommendation to ban hunting will now go to a meeting of the full council on 16th November. A regular newsletter published by the SBPS is available to members.

STEVENAGE ANIMAL RIGHTS

**Box 6, Bowes Lyon House, St. George's Way,
Stevenage, Herts. SG1 1XY**

Stevenage Animal Rights held a Cruelty Free Fair at Stevenage Leisure Centre in May. The first edition of a Cruelty Free Guide, compiled by members of the group, was launched at the Fair. Volunteers are always welcome to help man Stevenage Animal Rights street stalls. Membership fee is £4.50 - members receive a bi-monthly newsletter. Recent newsletters have highlighted the cruelty involved in British Zoos, and Glaxo animal experiments in Stevenage.

SOUTH LONDON ANIMAL AID

PO Box 594, London SW9 8QG

SLAA meets regularly on the first Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm, at the Voltaire Room, Clapham Baths, 157 Clapham Manor Street, London SW4. A recent speaker was Peter Stevenson, Political and Legal Director of Compassion in World Farming. A 24 hour vigil at the Institute of Psychiatry was held in June to protest against primate experiments.

SLAA run a catering service called the Green Marmoset Catering Company, for which volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers are also needed to help with the Deptford Cat Sanctuary - please write to SLAA for details.

TAUNTON ANIMAL RIGHTS

PO Box 243, Taunton

T.A.R. also includes hunt sab groups. Regular meetings and town centre stalls are held. Recent demos include Boots, McDonalds and Bristol Zoo. T.A.R. also joined up with HARC against hunting on council land and much public support has been gained.

WINCHESTER ANIMAL CONCERN

6 South Street, Ropley, Alresford, Hants.

Previous activities have involved a march through the Winnal Industrial Estate in Winchester to the Webbs poultry slaughter and processing plant, which received good newspaper coverage. For details of latest events, please write to above address.

WALSALL ANIMAL RIGHTS

0922 414885

Previous action has included a picket at the Home Office to protest against the proposed trespass law against hunt sabs. For details of current activities, please contact.

UNCAGED

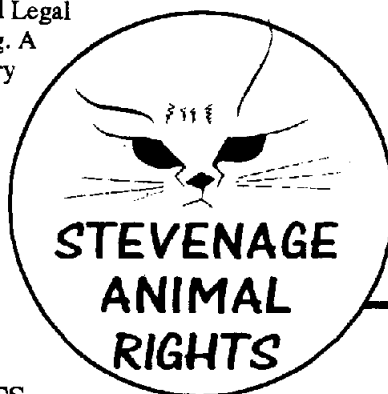
14 Ridgeway Road, Sheffield S12 2SS

'Uncaged' held a march against vivisection at Sheffield University in July. A rally took place with speakers in Barkers Pool and a Cruelty Free Fayre was held in Sheffield Town Hall. Uncaged are currently holding a campaign asking people to boycott Proctor and Gamble in a bid to stop the testing their products on animals - 50,000 animals die at the hands of Proctor and Gamble in America every year. Leaflets about this campaign listing which products to avoid are available at £5.00 per set of 100, as are postcards. A consumer guide on which companies do or do not test on animals is available for 50p.

YAA

Box 1760, Yeovil, Somerset BA21 5YD

YAA have produced a leaflet highlighting the charities, including the British Heart Foundation, which fund animal based research. Factsheets are available at a cost of £1 each.



STOP PRESS!

New anti-fur campaign.

London, with its dozens of fur shops, manufacturers and brokers, represents the last stronghold of the fur trade in Britain. Several animal rights groups are getting together to launch a major drive against the fur trade in London, with daily pickets of fur shops in Central London beginning in October. If you live in the London area, or are planning a visit, a couple of hours of your time could be vital to the success of this campaign.

Write to "Fur-Free London", c/o the London Anti-Fur Campaign, PO Box 216, London E7 9RB or phone 081 771 2792 for further details.

Animal Rights Coalition (ARC News)

It has come to our attention that a number of local animal rights groups haven't been receiving their copy of ARC News. If not, please write to ARC, PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT.

New prisoner

Lise Olsen F9446267.

Sanctuaries

CHIN UP SANCTUARY

*Gwernalt Bungalow, Llanarmon, Chwillog,
Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL53 6SW
0766 810799 (8-10pm only)*

Lee Campbell founded Chin Up in 1991 after becoming aware of the plight of intensively farmed chinchillas bred in wretched conditions for the fur and pet trades. The sanctuary takes in sick, abused or unwanted chinchillas and legally rescued animals from these fur farms. Donations are desperately needed for feeding, housing and vet care for the many creatures in their keeping, and also to campaign against polygamous breeding of chinchillas and buying from pet shops. Free advice on chinchilla care is available plus a free fact sheet (S.A.E. appreciated).

TY AGORED ANIMAL SANCTUARY

*Cribyn, Lampeter, Dyfed, Wales SA48 7NQ
0570 470589*

Ty Agored Animal Sanctuary was founded in the early 1970's, and while growing in size and repute, its aims remain the same. These are: to rescue animals in need or in distress, to advocate the neutering and spaying of pet dogs and cats, and to re-home animals whenever possible. As Ty Agored does not destroy animals, except for the terminally ill or injured, there are always many animals needing good homes. No financial help is given from public funds and the sanctuary, a registered charity, depends on donations from its well-wishers, on fund-raising events, market stalls and the income from its charity shops. All these are organised and run by the sanctuary's founder, Barbara Packham, and her voluntary helpers who, with a small but efficient kennel-staff, do their best to ensure that countless animals are given a second chance.



THE SEAL AND WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

*83, Newlands Estate, Bacton, Norfolk NR12 0HR
0692 650540*

Barry Nickerson gave up his business in 1988 to devote himself to the rescue of seals and other marine casualties. Barry and his team of volunteers rescue on average 30 seals a year and to date have released 200 seals back into the wild, and nursed thousands of birds which are usually the victims of ocean pollution. The rescue teams cover a 60 mile area of the North Norfolk coast and the Norfolk Broads where they treat sick swans poisoned by fishermen's lead weights. Around 2,000 birds have been released into the wild including guillemots, razorbills, gannets, fulmars, seagulls, kestrels, barn owls, tawny owls and swans. The hospital works hard preparing special alternatives to seal milk and cleaning pens and pools, etc. It costs a great deal of money to cover the expense of equipment, drugs and food.

THE PHYLLIS HARVEY HORSE AND DONKEY TRUST

*"Tethers End", The Ring Road, Weetwood,
Leeds 16
676122*

Heidi, a starved young pony; Bimbo and Jack Frost, donkeys saved from a slaughterer; Jeremiah, an abandoned foal; and Dante, a Shetland colt bought from a butcher, are just a few of the old, unwanted, mistreated and abandoned animals this charity gives refuge to. Although primarily a rescue centre for horses and donkeys, many other creatures are also given much needed help. The Trust never resorts to euthanasia unless advised to do so by their veterinary surgeons if they feel the quality of life has gone. All the rescued animals welcome visitors and can be sponsored for £5 each. Due to the high cost of feeding, stabling and veterinary treatment, finances are continually at a very low ebb, and the centre relies on donations and on holding Open Days, details of which can be obtained from the above address.

THE CAT AND RABBIT RESCUE CENTRE

*Holborow Lodge, Chalder Lane, Sidlesham,
Chichester, West Sussex PO20 7RJ
0243 641409*

"Giving the Living a Chance at Life" is the worthy motto of this charity who take in and re-home cats and rabbits. They offer advice and help on all aspects of cat and rabbit care. For general sanctuary and cat problems, please ring Monique on the above telephone number. For advice on

the rabbit side of their work please ring Donna on 0903 755909. Started in 1986 this registered charity also tries to educate the public on the necessity of neutering and spaying pets and the humane control of feral colonies of cats. Visits are by appointment only and the centre is always in need of saleable goods for much needed funds.

CREATURES WILDLIFE CARE TRUST

**11 Egham Crescent, North Cheam,
Surrey SM3 9AL : 081 395 8844**

'Creatures' is a wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centre which cares for sick, injured and orphaned wild animals and birds. Each year they look after hundreds of patients ranging from hedgehogs and foxes to blackbirds and owls. Once fully fit, the patients are released back into the wild, and those that cannot be released are found suitable alternative accommodation. No animal is ever turned away. One of the trust's objectives is to educate, and the founder, Kevin Ahronson, gives talks and slide-shows to all kinds of local groups. He also produces a regular wildlife column in the local newspaper. The trust wishes to expand with a new intensive care block which will house incubators, heated hospital cages and additional veterinary equipment. Long-term plans involve moving to a purpose-built hospital which will provide an opportunity to increase medical facilities and give additional housing for more casualties. Membership of Creatures Club is £12 for adults, £5 for children and OAP's, and family membership is £20 per year. Please write to the above address for details of volunteer work, membership, talks, or to make a donation.

CELIA HAMMOND ANIMAL TRUST

**High Street, Wadhurst, East Sussex TN5 6AG
0892 783367 / 783820**

The Celia Hammond Trust is the only charity whose main objective is the establishment of low-cost spay clinics for dogs and cats. CHAT has just completed the purchase of the country's first low-cost neuter clinic in Lewisham, South London, which it hopes to open within the next few months. Two and a half million stray cats and dogs struggle to survive in the streets. To combat this national scandal, CHAT will arrange for two full-time vets to neuter one hundred and fifty dogs and cats a week, with two more operating tables available when staffing increases. A bitch spay will cost £20-£25, a cat spay will be £10. Eventually, CHAT plan a nationwide service of eight clinics and are heartened by the success of a Vancouver spay clinic who, after five years, achieved an 88% reduction in the destruction of unwanted animals, and a 61% reduction in cruelty cases. This can be achieved in the UK if funding can be found.

CHAT have recently moved their sanctuary with 340 cats, kittens, rescued dogs, six goats, and numerous ex-battery hens to Brede in Sussex. They also operate a rescue service and recently saved sixteen cats and kittens from a demolished building. Literature is available from their Wadhurst address. Over one hundred permanent sanctuary residents can be adopted either individually or as a group.

THE HAVEN ANIMAL CENTRE S.O.S. FOAL AND EQUINE CENTRE

**Seymour Farm, Curland, Taunton,
Somerset TA3 5SD
0823 481220**

Although currently setting up the sanctuary for rescued ponies, this centre is also trying desperately to expose the horrific treatment of thousands of British native ponies who are exported, under barbaric and cruel conditions, to the slaughterhouses of France, Italy and Belgium. They are collecting film and video evidence to aid their objectives which are; to save as many ponies as possible from death and give them a life of ease at the sanctuary; to ensure that the current laws relating to the welfare and transport of ponies are upheld and offenders punished; and to fight for a change in the law that will end this evil trade forever. Funds are very desperately needed for this aim, as are volunteers to help run the sanctuary (manual or clerical), and fund-raisers. Annual membership of S.O.S. is £6.00 for adults, £2.50 for under-16's, £4.00 for concessions, and family membership is £15.00. For further information on petitions, newsletters, the campaign and/or donations, please call Julie or Sarah on 0823 481220, or write to the above address.



CEDARWOOD WILDLIFE CARE

**Blissford Hill, Frogham, nr. Fordingbridge,
Hants. SP6 2HX
0425 657402**

Dawn and Jerry Collinson devote their lives to helping and caring for injured animals at their Wildlife Care Centre at Frogham. Here, injured animals can be brought, nursed back to health by Dawn and Jerry, and released back into the wild. Over the years they have helped foxes, badgers, deer, rabbits, hedgehogs and countless birds. No animal is ever turned away, many having been shot, trapped or involved in car accidents. Once at the centre wounds can be healed, legs and wings mended and local vets are able to help with more serious problems. The centre is run as a non-profitmaking concern but financial support remains a problem, and they will continue their fine work as long as money is available.

THE DONKEY SANCTUARY

**Sidmouth, Devon EX10 0NU
0395 578222**

6,174 donkeys have found love and care at the sanctuary since its foundation by Dr. E. Svendsen in 1969. Through staff and volunteers, reports of cruelty are investigated quickly anywhere in the U.K. and welfare officers

regularly visit horse markets and do checks on donkey derbys and beaches, etc. Advice on donkey care is freely available. The sanctuary also has a purpose-built donkey hospital to serve its nine donkey-filled farms. Visitors are welcome every day of the year from 9am until dusk at their intake centre at Slade House Farm, Sidmouth. Every care is taken to ensure that funds are used for the purpose they were given and administration costs are kept to the minimum. All donkeys admitted to the Sanctuary are granted the right to life regardless of age or health; the best possible treatment, care and drugs; permanent peace and freedom; and a dignified, peaceful death - this only being induced in the event of extreme suffering and on a vet's recommendation.

PETSEARCH

16 Elm Grove Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1JW
0722 326046

Although not a sanctuary as such, Petsearch, the national network of helplines for assisting pets and reuniting them with their owners, goes a long way towards relieving the burden on sanctuaries who often have to home or keep lost animals. Petsearch has been operating for over two years in the south of England and have already had over 30,000 calls and have reunited more than 16,000 pets with their owners. It was founded as a response to the increasing problem of lost and stolen pets; sadly, many cats and dogs are being stolen for vivisection, fur, bait for fighting dogs, etc. Other pets are simply lost and are often destroyed before the owners have time to claim them.

Petsearch is a charity which relies upon volunteers who work closely with dog wardens, vets and animal sanctuaries, as well as maintaining four helplines for owners. The numbers to call are: 0722 326046 (Phil); 0722 327146 (Monica); 0722 337773 (Celia); 0722 712527 (Margaret).

Petsearch also organises a Pet Owners Support Scheme to relieve the worry of pet owners who have to go into hospital or care. Petsearch offers all their services without charge, but because of the size of the pet problem they are now desperate for an individual or group to sponsor them for £1,000 a year.

PHOENIX ANIMAL RESCUE

P.O. Box 29, Biggin Hill, TN16 3XZ

It is the objective of Phoenix Animal Rescue to take in any abandoned, unwanted or abused animal - from guinea pigs to horses. They also hand-rear and rehabilitate wildlife such as fox cubs, squirrels, birds, etc. After regaining their health, homes are found for as many creatures as possible - always vetted and on a loan basis only. Animals which cannot be rehomed remain as permanent residents. These include cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, goats, donkeys, horses, pigs, ex-battery hens, ducks, geese, and many more.

Phoenix Animal Rescue are actively seeking permanent, safe accommodation for the animals in their care. They also urgently need sacks, tins of animal food, hay, straw, woodchips, cages, hutches, dishes, brushes, and various tools such as shovels and buckets. On the administration

side, items such as new stamps, paper and envelopes are required.

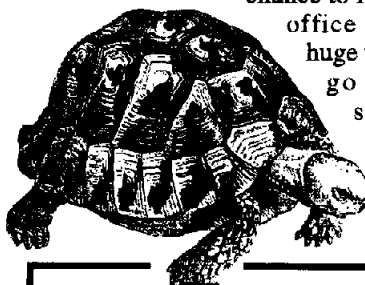
Volunteers for fund-raising are urgently needed, as are saleable goods. Please ring Mike on 081 402 0705 or Andree on 081 291 6815 for details. Membership is £6 for adults, £3 for under-16's, and £10 for a family. A sponsorship scheme for the animals' keep is also available. P.A.R. is run entirely by volunteers and every penny of your donation, however small, goes towards upkeep and the funding of their rescue work.

WARNHAM ANIMAL SANCTUARY

Mayes Lane, Warnham, Sussex RH12 3SG
0403 268095

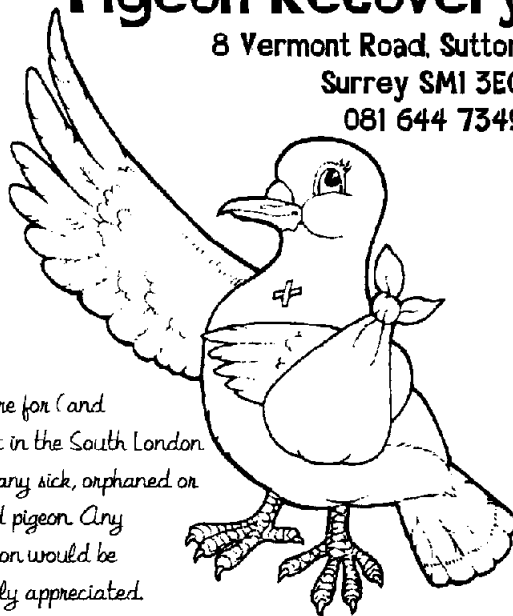
The small village of Warnham, near Horsham, has two claims to recognition; the first being that it is the birthplace of the vegetarian poet and campaigner Percy Bysshe Shelley, and the second is that it hosts the winner of the Dog World Rescue Competition at Crufts this year. Warnham Sanctuary was founded in 1979 by David Browne who some may remember as an actor in Z Cars and Dixon of Dock Green. Open to the public 364 days a year, visitors can see the cats, dogs and donkeys who are awaiting new homes.

Five thousand animals have been helped by the sanctuary so far, and no fit creature is ever put to sleep. Hundreds of unwanted pets arrive every year and are looked after by troubled and difficult young people, under the guidance of the sanctuary and various authorities, who are given the chance to love and be loved. With no office blocks, clerical staff, or huge wages to pay, all donations go to the running of the sanctuary. Recent events include a large but easy-going dog show held at the Warnham school on 27th August.



Pigeon Recovery

8 Vermont Road, Sutton,
Surrey SM1 3EQ
081 644 7349



We care for (and collect in the South London area) any sick, orphaned or injured pigeon. Any donation would be sincerely appreciated.

National Groups

ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (SUPPORTERS GROUP)

BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX

Subscription to their quarterly newsletter is £24.00 a year. It provides information about current arrests and

imprisonment of alleged animal rights activists. The SG raises funds, chiefly to help pay fines and help towards the travelling expenses of visiting relatives. Funds also go towards paying for books, cruelty-free toiletries, etc. A range of merchandise is

available with a discount to any SG member.



ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT (PRESS OFFICE)

BM 4400, London WC1N 3XX
0954 230542 (H) or 0836 310763 (Mobile)

The Press Office plays a vital role in the animal rights movement. It remains paramount as a means of providing TV, radio and newspaper coverage about why ALF actions take place. Speakers are also available for meetings, etc. Merchandise is also available. Donations are always welcome to help run the office of a much needed and valuable animal rights service.

ADVOCATES FOR ANIMALS

10, Queensferry Street, Edinburgh EH2 4PG

This group produces the Annual Pictorial Review, a colour booklet packed with information. AFA highlighted Glasgow University when they experimented on monkeys in head injury experiments. They finance and take part in special investigations and campaign against all forms of animal abuse.

ARKANGEL

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BCM 9240, London WC1N 3XX

Arkangel is a magazine which aims to provide information and support for the animal rights movement, to encourage unity, and to provide a forum for the exchange of news and views. Donations are always welcome. In order to

keep Arkangel up-to-date, please would local and national groups continue to send in information about their current activities as these will be used in the next edition of the magazine.

ANIMAL LIBERATION INVESTIGATION UNIT

PO Box 38, Manchester M60 1FT

Animal abuse establishments are inspected, video footage taken and documents removed to build up files.

ANIMAL RIGHTS COALITION (ARC)

PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT

ARC encourages the coming together of all groups. A newsletter is provided with a diary of events and current campaigns. ARC also sends out lists detailing addresses of current animal abuse establishments supplied by Arkangel Information.

ACTION TO ABOLISH THE GRAND NATIONAL

PO Box 3152, London E12 5JW

AAGN campaigns to publicise the cruelty of the Grand National - highlighting the fact that 250 horses die on British racecourses every year and many others are seriously injured. Posters and leaflets are available.

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL

Festings Buildings, Highland Road, Southsea PO4 9BZ
0705 736691

ABC helps with the spaying and neutering of animals, and also with helping elderly people with the costs of keeping their companion animals. Due to an upsurge in animal cruelty, ABC now works with Animal Action which rescues and re-homes unwanted and abandoned animals.

ANIMAL AID AND ADVICE

081 889 9714

Their main objective is to encourage responsible pet ownership. They reinforce the fact that neutering and spaying is essential to prevent unwanted litters. AAA also re-homes abandoned and unwanted pets and runs a fostering service.



ANIMAL AID & ADVICE

ANIMAL AID SOCIETY

*The Old Chapel, Bradford Street, Tonbridge,
Kent TN9 1AW
0732 364546*

Animal Aid publishes a Journal for Action called Outrage. In June, along with the Global Partnership, they organised the Living Without Cruelty Exhibition in London. They are about to launch a new manifesto for humane non-animal research, provisionally titled Liberating Science. Annual subscription £10 waged, £6 unwaged, £4 youth.

ACTION AGAINST PUPPY FARMING

PO Box 2, Llandysul, Dyfed SA44 4EB

Dyfed is known for its puppy farming. The animals are bred only for profit therefore suffering, cruelty and neglect are involved. AAPF spreads the message not to buy puppies from a pet shop as they are usually bred in the appalling puppy farms. Donations welcome.

ANGLICAN SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS

*St. Augustine's Vicarage, 117 Queens Gate,
London SW7 5LW*

Objectives of the society are to promote a more compassionate view towards animals in the Anglican Church. A bulletin is produced.

ALLIANCE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

4-5 Eustace Street, Dublin 2, Eire

Campaigns against all forms of animal cruelty.

ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION GROUP

c/o 83-87 Union Street, London SE1 1SG

This is a small group of specialist investigators who gather evidence of the cruelty involved in a range of animal welfare issues - bloodsports, vivisection, factory farming etc. A twice-yearly news bulletin is produced.

THE ARK ANIMAL RESCUE

*PO Box 463, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 2ZH
Wildlife Aid - 081 312 9021*

This is an animal rescue centre which cares for unwanted pets and rescued animals. They also deal with hurt animals and encourage people to ring them on the above Wildlife Aid telephone number if they find any injured wildlife. Their sanctuary is run solely by volunteers and they would welcome any donations. They also run a yearly animal adoption scheme for their permanent residents. A quarterly newsletter is published. Adult membership is £6.00 annually.

ANIMAL CONCERN

*62 Old Dumbarton Road, Glasgow G3 8RE
041 334 6014*

Animal Concern incorporates the Scottish Anti-Vivisection Society. They publish a quarterly newsletter and run various campaigns including a farm animal campaign to ban all factory farming by the year 2000.

ANIMAL RESCUE

PO Box 233, Liverpool L69 7LF

Animal Rescue are currently running a campaign to highlight the plight of llamas being farmed for their wool. They are also conducting a national survey for which they would welcome any information on the location of llama and angora rabbit farms and shops which sell clothes made from llama or angora fibre.

ANTI-BULLFIGHTING COMMITTEE

PO Box 175, Liverpool L69 8DX

Liaises with Spanish A/R groups to persuade holidaymakers not to attend bullfights, and tries to persuade travel companies to publish a statement in their brochures discouraging people from attending bullfights.

BRITISH DIVERS MARINE LIFE RESCUE

12 Mayland Road, Corby, Northants. NN7 2DR

This is an international marine animal rescue and protection organisation, helping to protect marine animals from threats of over-fishing, pollution, etc. Membership is £15.00 a year with concessions for OAP's.

BRITISH UNION FOR THE ABOLITION OF VIVISECTION (BUAV)

*16a Crane Grove, London N7 8LB
071 700 4888*

They continue to run various campaigns against animal abuse around the world. One of the latest campaigns is for people to boycott holidaying in Barbados in an attempt to end the trade in wild caught primates. They are also running a campaign backed by celebrities to call on airlines to stop transporting monkeys to laboratories. A quarterly newsletter is distributed to members.

BOOTS ACTION NOTTINGHAM

*BAN, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW
0602 585666*

The Boots Action Committee has drawn up a charter which calls on Boots to cease all animal-based research and testing. It calls upon people to boycott Boots and encourages people to write to Boots Head Office to explain the reasons for the boycott. They held a day of action on Saturday 18th June and demonstrated outside the Boots Annual General Meeting in July.

BRITISH HEDGEHOG PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Knowbury House, Knowbury, Ludlow,
Shropshire SY8 3LQ
Hedgehog Helpline - 0584 890287

This charity publishes a regular newsletter giving details on all aspects of hedgehog welfare. They run a Hedgehog Helpline during office hours on the above telephone number. They are also interested to receive reports on hedgehogs seen in people's gardens for a hibernation study.

BRITISH ANTI-VIVISECTION ASSOCIATION

PO Box 82, Kingswood, Bristol BS15 1YF

B.A.V.A. has some useful information on medical fraud and experiments. They have recently launched their Medically Induced Plague campaign. The aims of the campaign are to abolish all animal experimentation and to increase public awareness of the hazardous nature of most medication. Posters, booklets and petitions are available. Subscriptions are £6.00 a year. Books by Hans Reusch are available by mail order.

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BEAUTY WITHOUT CRUELTY CHARITY

57 King Henry's Walk, London N1 4NH
071 254 2929

The BWCC campaigns to end the torture and slaughter of all animals in the name of fashion and beauty. Current campaigns include FUR FREE 2000 to ban fur farming in the UK before the end of the decade and a petition to protest against the ISO/TC 191 Humane Animal Traps Standard.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEATHER AND FUR

(CALF)

BM 8889,
London WC1N 3XX



Leaflets are available on the leather, fur, wool and silk trades. Please send an SAE for further information.

CRUELTY-FREE COMPANIONS

Box CFC M, The Rainbow Centre, 180
Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HU

This is a non-profitmaking national set-up. It aims to link

people together who believe in a cruelty-free lifestyle. There are now 100 members. For further details contact the above address.

CARE FOR THE WILD

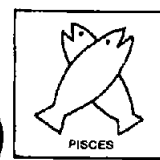
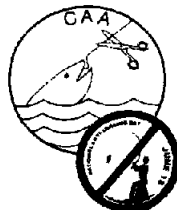
1 Ashfolds, Horsham Road, Rusper,
West Sussex RH12 4QX

Care for the Wild is continuing its projects around the world. It has embarked on a project to move 500 elephants and their family groups to save them from being shot. This is the largest ever elephant conservation project to be undertaken. Also, in Britain, campaigning against the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries has been stepped up. The MAFF kills badgers in the belief that they spread TB. Care for the Wild assists with badger groups to help them look after badger sets. Essential items are needed such as walkie-talkies, cages in which to carry injured badgers and rehabilitation units. Donations needed.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF ANGLING

PO Box 90, Bristol BS99 1ND
0272 441175

CAA actively takes part in fish sabs all over Britain. They have been successful in disrupting fishing matches and forcing anglers to abandon local fishing events. In June



they organised a week of action to coincide with the start of the coarse fishing season. They have a video available called Angling - the Neglected Bloodsport at a cost of £7 (£6 of which is a refundable

deposit). Annual membership costs £4, members receive a quarterly newsletter called Pisces.

CINNAMON TRUST

Poldarves, Trescowe, Germoe, Penzance,
Cornwall TR20 9RX
0736 850291

This is a charity for elderly and terminally ill people and their pets. The trust has a national network of volunteer pet helps who visit owners at home and provide assistance where necessary. Fostering takes place if the owner is injured or hospitalised. Donations always welcome.

CAMPAIGN FOR THE ABOLITION OF CRUEL SPORTS

Lower Coyne Street, Callan, County Kilkenny, Ireland

CACS seeks to halt the imports of greyhounds from Ireland into the UK until the Irish government increases the penalties for those convicted of blooding - the practice of feeding live animals to greyhounds. They urge people to write polite letters of protest to the Home Secretary, the Home Office, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9AT.

CAMPAIGNERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT (C.A.R.E)

*9 Soberton Road, Queens Park, Bournemouth,
Dorset BH8 9BG*

C.A.R.E. are currently concerned about the parts in the Criminal Justice and Public Order Bill which make it a criminal offence to conduct peaceful protest. They are encouraging people to write to their MP's expressing their opposition to the Bill. Leaflets containing sample letters are available.

CETACEA DEFENCE

PO Box 11, SEDO Office, Manchester M18 8GU

Principally involved in protecting the world's whales and dolphins. People are needed to act as on-the-spot investigators. Contact above address.

CO-ORDINATING ANIMAL WELFARE

PO Box 589, Bristol BS99 1RW

CAW produce a magazine with up-to-date information. For further details contact the above address.

DOCTORS IN BRITAIN AGAINST ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

PO Box 302, London N8 9HD

DBAAE, founded in 1990, is a group of doctors, scientists and pharmacists who reject all animal experiments on scientific and ethical grounds. Full membership is open to fully qualified medical practitioners, with a category for Friends of DBAAE supporters.

DR. HADWEN TRUST

*22 Bancroft, Hitchin, Herts. SG5 1JW
0462 436819*

The Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research is a registered charity which funds the development of new, humane techniques to replace the use of animals in medical research. The annual subscription to the Trust is £8 and members receive a quarterly newsletter. The Trust also runs a mail order catalogue featuring gifts and cosmetics.

DISABLED AGAINST ANIMAL RESEARCH AND EXPLOITATION (DAARE)

PO Box 8, Daventry, Northants. NN11 4RQ

A national organisation of people who are disabled or have a chronic disease. DAARE is opposed to animals being used in drug experiments. People who are not disabled are welcome to join.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATION AGENCY

*2 Pear Tree Court, London EC1R 0DS
071 490 7040*

The EIA has campaigned for most endangered species since its foundation in 1984. They expose environmental abuse and call on governments to enforce legislation. They have so far saved the lives of millions of whales, dolphins, elephants, rhinos and wild birds - but there is still much to do. The EIA celebrated 10 years of achievement with the Big Fun Sunday Funday in Trent Park, North London in May. This was to help fund a special campaign - Save the Whales and Dolphins.

FREEDOM ANIMAL SANCTUARY TRUST

12b Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1LF

The Freedom Animal Sanctuary needs money to re-home animals and realise their long term aim of creating a sanctuary. A range of t-shirts is available to help raise funds. Donations are needed.

Fox Cubs



FOX CUBS YOUTH GROUP

*PO Box 370a, Surbiton,
Surrey KT6 4YN*

This group is aimed at the under-17's and encourages them to join with adults to demonstrate at local hunts/shoots/angling matches. There is an annual subscription of £4. Members receive a New Members Pack, badge and a magazine three times a year.

FOX PROJECT

PO Box 56, Tonbridge, Kent TN8 1XY

The Fox Project has saved many foxes' lives by humanely trapping and moving them from potential threat. They take into care orphaned foxes and set them free when they are fit and well. A newsletter is available.

FRIENDS OF THE MORAY FIRTH DOLPHINS

A group existing to protect the only real population of around 150 dolphins in UK waters.

FELLOWSHIP OF LIFE

43 Braichmelyn, Bethesda, Bangor, Wales LL57 3RD

The fellowship was founded 20 years ago to influence the church on animal rights issues. They produce a newsletter and an excellent leaflet.

GREEK ANIMAL RESCUE

69 Great North Way, Hendon, London NW4 1PT
081 203 1956

Many animals suffer in Greece. Strays are thought of as vermin and are killed, many are thrown live over cliffs. A new shelter is being built to house 150 dogs, 40 cats, 2 mules, a few chickens and ducks. There is a 30 minute video available exposing some of Greece's atrocities towards its animals and it also shows the shelters and the sanctuary which is provided for abused and neglected animals.



HUNT SABOTEURS ASSOCIATION (HSA)

PO Box 1, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 2JY
0602 590357

Hunt saboteurs use legal peaceful tactics to ensure the freedom of wild animals. They are currently encouraging people to write to the Home Secretary to protest against his proposed anti-saboteur legislation. The HSA gives information and advice on how to form a fully operational hunt-sab group. They provide speakers for talks and give legal advice. Merchandise is available.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE PROTECTION OF HORSES

Freepost, Anne Colvin House, Snetterton,
Norfolk NR16 2QZ
0953 498682

This is a registered charity which is currently campaigning to end the suffering of hundreds and thousands of horses. Many of these horses are from the former Soviet bloc and are currently being transported live in long distance road trains to Western Europe for the fresh horse meat trade. The ILPH have been petitioning the EC Council of Ministers to accept an amendment to the existing law. Donations welcome.

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE - IFAW

Warren Court, Park Road, Crowborough,
East Sussex TN6 2GA

IFAW, founded 25 years ago, is the largest organisation in the world entirely dedicated to animal welfare. They are currently campaigning to stop dogs and cats being tortured to death in Korea for human consumption, and to help endangered species such as the African elephant. Donations welcome.

JUSTICE FOR DOGS

c/o Ann Harpwood, Finloren Cottage, Weythel,
Old Radnor, Powys LD8 2RR
0544 22213 - Tel. and Fax

The Justice for Dogs campaign was launched in April 1993 in response to the Dangerous Dogs Act. Plans are now being made to take a selection of cases to the Courts for Human Rights in Strasbourg. Donations welcome.

LIBERTY

WSPA, 2 Langley Lane, London SW8 1TJ
071 793 0540

Liberty is a campaign run by the World Society for the Protection of Animals. It was set up two years ago to come to the aid of bears which are exploited all over the world and has now been officially launched in the USA. Liberty has set up projects to help hundreds of bears and has physically rescued over 20 from lives of cruelty and neglect. An annual donation of £12.50 ensures 3 newsletters a year plus an introductory campaign pack.

THE MARINE CONNECTION

PO Box 2404, London W2 3WG

The Marine Connection is a campaigning organisation dedicated to raising awareness about dolphins and whales through publishing and networking. Currently they are campaigning to have the capture of wild dolphins and whales prohibited for entertainment purposes and are attempting to have two dolphins released from the Steinhart Aquarium in San Francisco. Annual membership is £7.00, and four newsletters per year are issued containing news from around the world.

McLIBEL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

c/o London Greenpeace, 5 Caledonian Road, London
N1 071 713 1269

See report elsewhere in the magazine!

NOW AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS

St. Joseph's, Souldern, Bicester, Oxon. OX6 9LA

NOW continues its campaign against live exports, with Sealink, P&O and Brittany Ferries being targeted. People are urged not to use these ferries - as a protest. NOW held their 3rd National March and Rally in Portsmouth in July. An Action Pack is available with an A4 SAE. Donations appreciated.

NATIONAL ANTI-HUNT CAMPAIGN (NAHC)

PO Box 66, Broxbourne, Herts. EN10 6LU

The National Anti-Hunt Petition was established to increase pressure on Parliament to reflect public opinion and introduce legislation banning hunting. They also intend to fund investigations into illegal bloodsports. In August, NAHC held a national march, rally and exhibition

against hunting, in Hyde Park, London.

NATIONAL DOGSITTERS

*The Pulpits (Dog Holidays), Little Hereford,
Ludlow SY8 4AU
0584 711534 (Admin.) 071 413 9990 (24 hrs.)*

National Dogsitters provide a unique individual home-based boarding service for dogs while their owners are away and they can also offer a daycare or dog walking service. Dog owners are invited to contact them to be referred to their nearest Registered Dogsitters. People wanting to register as National Dogsitters are also invited to contact the organisation.

PAGAN ANIMAL RIGHTS

*c/o Billy Frugal, P.A.R., 10 Broughton Street,
Hebden Bridge, West Yorks. HX7 8JY*

This organisation, founded 10 years ago, is open to people who care about animals - whether they are pagan or not. Membership is £3 a year, and members receive a newsletter listing all the Pagan Festivals.



NATIONAL ANTI-VIVISECTION SOCIETY

*Ravenside, 261 Goldhawk Road, London W12 9PE
081 846 9777*

NAVS once again organised the World Day for Laboratory Animals with a march from Hyde Park to Parliament Square. The march culminated in Westminster with a rally in Central Halls for the Animal World Show. They have also been holding a campaign against circuses called The Animals Defenders Circus Madness Campaign. This involved a bus tour of 100 towns at the height of the circus season. Annual Membership £10 - a magazine called The Campaigner is issued to members.

NATUREWATCH TRUST

*Austen House, 122 Bath Road, Cheltenham,
Glos. GL53 7JX
0242 252871*

The Naturewatch Trust are fighting to end the cruel trade of crated veal in all European Community countries. This practice is banned in the United Kingdom, but nonetheless calves are exported live to France and Holland where this method of intensive farming continues. Free leaflets are available.

PETSEARCH AND PET OWNERS

SUPPORT SCHEME

*c/o Phil Groombridge, 16 Elm Grove Road, Salisbury,
Wilts. SP1 1JW
(0722) 326046 or 327146*

Petsearch UK runs a register of lost and found animals and produces a newsletter giving details of missing pets. They also run a Pet Owners Support Scheme where members can give instructions as to who should look after their pet if anything happens to the owner. Donations welcome.

PET STEALING ALERT

PO Box 94, Cheltenham, Glos.

Cats and dogs are going missing nationwide. Please contact the above address if you are suspicious of an advert offering good homes, or if an animal has disappeared in unusual circumstances.

PEOPLE FOR THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF ANIMALS (PETA)

*PO Box 3169, London NW6 2QF
071 372 0459*

Campaigns against all animal abuse. Current campaigns include the Chicken Out campaign. PETA are very supportive of animal liberation groups and have recently produced the magazine Animal Times which is aimed at the general public. They also have an Animal Rights Groups directory available.

PLAN 2000

Lynmouth, Devon EX35 6EE

Plan 2000 aims to see all animal experiments banned by the end of the century.

RESPECT FOR ANIMALS

PO Box 500, Nottingham NG1 3AS

RESPECT was set up when LYNX went bankrupt. They will continue the fight against the fur trade. Leaflets are available.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS ABROAD (SPANA)

15 Buckingham Gate, London SW1E 6LB

SPANA highlights the use of animals in third world countries. There is a video available for £5.95.

SEA SHEPHERD

PO Box 5, Ashford, Middx. TW15 2PY

An invaluable organisation which campaigns against the abuse of marine life. They recently sunk a whaling ship. Donations are greatly appreciated.

STUDENT CAMPAIGN FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS (SCAR)

PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT

One of their aims is to help students who are having trouble opting out of animal practicals. A leaflet is available to help them with their rights. SCAR wishes to eventually stop animal abuse within all colleges and universities around the country - dissection and vivisection being not essential during a course or exam.

TEACHERS FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

c/o 29 Lynwood Road, London SW17 6HP

Please write for an information pack, but a donation to cover costs for postage and literature is essential.

TAIL ENDS

PO Box 1550, London SW4 6HP

This is a small vegan animal rescue network which needs homes for abused and abandoned animals - mainly cats and dogs. All of the money, which is desperately needed, goes towards food, vets bills, neutering and spaying. A selection of black and white postcards depicting animals are available at 30p each. They have a fund to help set up a sanctuary.

VEGAN SOCIETY

*7 Battle Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea,
East Sussex TN37 7AA
0424 427393*

The Vegan Society is the main UK organisation promoting veganism and is always seeking new members to help the society grow so that it can be at the forefront of the movement, showing that veganism is the way forward for animals, people and the environment. This year, the Vegan Society celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. A new Vegan video will shortly be available. Copies of the Animal Free Shopper book are available at £4.95 + pp. Annual membership is £15 individual, £10 unwaged. Members receive a quarterly magazine *The Vegan*.



VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

*Parkdale, Dunham Road, Altrincham,
Cheshire WA14 4QG*

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WORLD SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS (WSPA)

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One of the WSPA's latest campaigns is Pet Respect. This campaign aims to support the work of animal shelters, persuade local authorities to stop the brutal killing of pet animals, set up neutering programmes for cats and dogs and undertake education programmes to teach people how to look after their pets.

They recently launched a report called *The Zoo Inquiry* along with the Born Free Foundation's Zoo Check campaign.

They are also involved with helping to save bears with the Libearty campaign. (see Libearty).

YOUNG INDIAN VEGETARIANS

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The Young Indian Vegetarians recently organised a Vegetarian Music Festival in Southall Park, London in July. For details of future events, please write to above address.

International News

ANTARCTICA

A proposal to create a sanctuary for whales in the waters of the Southern Ocean was approved at the 46th annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. All commercial whaling is prohibited in the region for an indefinite period. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

ARGENTINA

Argentinian Airlines is refusing to transport monkeys for experimentation. (Tierbefreiung Aktuell June '94)

AUSTRALIA

Armada City Council in Western Australia has become the 24th Australian council to ban the use of exotic caged animals in circuses. (Action Animal Liberation Magazine No.47)

BAHAMAS

The Bahamas' Parliament has adopted a law which prohibits long-line fishing in Bahamian waters without a licence issued by the ministerial cabinet - and the Prime Minister of the Bahamas has stated that no such licences would be granted. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

BANGLADESH

Anti-poaching programmes have now been established to protect tigers. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

BRAZIL

A bill banning bullfights and rodeos has been passed in the city of Sao Paulo. (The AV Feb '94)

CANADA

After learning how foie gras producers force-feed ducks and geese, Air Canada announced it will no longer serve the pate on any of its flights. (Animal Times June/July '94)

ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia's Ministry of Natural Resources has suspended all hunting of wildlife, pending a survey by the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Organisation. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

EUROPEAN UNION

Acting in response to BUAV reports, the EU agreed to prohibit the import of non-human primates captured in the wild. (Animals' Agenda March/April '94)

The EU has banned imports of Francois monkeys from China, Abbott's Day Geckos from Madagascar and Blossom-headed Parakeets from Vietnam. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

GERMANY

70.8% of callers to a chat show about wild and exotic animals believed such creatures belonged in the wild rather than in the home. (Tierbefreiung Aktuell June '94)

HOLLAND

A scientific inquiry into fur farming has been set up, which offers the real possibility of the abolition of fur farms in the Netherlands. (Liberacion Animal Spring/Summer '94)

HONG KONG

Possession and sale of medicines containing tiger products was prohibited as from April 28th. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

INDIA

The Delhi High Court issued a directive calling for traders to sell up their fur stocks by the end of Jan '94 and to remove them from display. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

INDONESIA

Following an investigation by the BUAV, Indonesia decided to prohibit the export of wild-caught non-human



primates for research. (Animals' Agenda March/April '94)

ISRAEL

After a week-long hunger strike by Richard O' Barry, former trainer of the television dolphin Flipper (and now a pro-dolphin campaigner), the Israeli government decided to ban the importation of dolphins for entertainment displays. (The AV April '94)

ITALY

The Italian parliament has recognised the right of students, doctors and researchers to refuse to perform animal experiments. (Civil Abolitionist Spring '94)

JAPAN

New legislation has been enacted in Japan which offers protection to six marine species (porpoises, whales, dugongs and turtles) by prohibiting their capture, possession or sale without a permit. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

MYANMAR

New legislation has been introduced to protect tigers. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

NEPAL

Nepal has introduced stronger penalties for violation of its wildlife laws and is offering rewards for information leading to the arrest of offenders. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

PHILIPPINES

The collection of CITES-listed species of birds and the export of wild-caught birds was prohibited from 15/2/94. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

A resolution has been enacted in Palawan province prohibiting the capture, collection, possession, purchase, sale and shipment of live marine coral-dwelling organisms, including certain fishes, lobsters, oysters and prawns.

The Philippines has notified the Commission of the European Union that it will no longer permit the export of wild-caught primates. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

SOUTH KOREA

Yielding to international pressure, South Korea has decided to crack down on

illegal trafficking of rhino horn, with the revision of an existing law meaning stiffer jail terms for illegal dealing in animal parts. (The Star 17/4/94)

The Ministry of Environment has announced that the sale of tiger bone will be prohibited with effect from November '94 and a prohibition on the sale of tiger bone derivatives will be effected in March '95. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

SWITZERLAND

Swiss Air has announced it will no longer serve pate de fois gras because of the cruelty to ducks and geese involved in its production. (Animal Times June/July '94)

TAIWAN

Following an EC ban on drift-nets more than 2.5 km long, the Taiwanese government has offered either to buy back vessels from its drift-net fleet or provide refitting loans for alternative equipment. By Jan '94, 33 drift-net vessels had been purchased under the "buy back" programme while 93 vessel owners had applied for loans. Taiwan has indicated that drift-net offenders fleeing Taiwanese waters will be prosecuted if arrested by foreign authorities and extradited to Taiwan. (TRAFFIC Bulletin Jan '94)

Taiwan has announced it is taking stronger action to control illegal wildlife trade, in particular of tigers and rhinoceros. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)

USA

From humble beginnings in 1985, the Great American Meatout has grown explosively to become one of the nation's largest grass-roots public interest campaigns. Over 30 million Americans have now explored a meatless diet. National beef and veal consumption have dropped by 30 and 70 percent respectively. Most fast food chains

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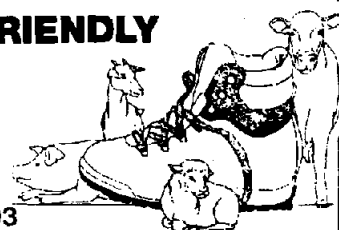
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provide a salad bar, and major manufacturers are getting into the meatless food business. (Great American Meatout 1994)

McArthur Mink Ranch in Wisconsin has gone out of business. (The Militant Vegan Jan '94)

The American Veterinary Medical Association has adopted a position declaring unequivocally that the steel-jaw leghold trap is inhumane. According to a survey by the Los Angeles Times, nearly half the people polled believe animals "are just like humans in all important ways." 54% said they opposed hunting for sport and 50% opposed the wearing of fur.

Attempts to increase funding for killing wild animal "pests" were defeated in New Mexico. (SdeCAP Newsletter Jan '94)

Concerned citizens in Sacramento, California persuaded a restaurant owner to part with an 126 year old lobster, so it could be released back into the sea. (Ceefax 21/3/94)

The University of Nevada-Reno no longer insists that medical students carry out animal experiments as part of their training, meaning that there are now only 2 US medical schools which require animal experimentation.

After a campaign by animal protection organisations, the University of California at Davis allowed 177 "surplus" lab beagles to be rehomed instead of killing them for use in dissection. (Civil Abolitionist Spring '94)

In Monterey County, California, a new law established for the first time some humane guidelines for transporting horses to slaughter. (Redwings Newsletter Spring '94)

The Dean of Lehigh University, Maryland, called off a game of donkey basketball to be held there after animal rights activists sent him a fax detailing the cruelty involved.

Texas Judge Michael Peters ordered that a man convicted of cruelly starving a dog be fed only bread and water during his prison sentence, "so he'll know in some small measure what his dog went through."

Outcry about the hundreds of birds and bats killed in open-ended exhaust stacks on oil and gas processing machines has prompted the New Mexico Bureau of Land Management to regulate the covering of open stacks.

A \$4.2 million judgement won against People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals by Las Vegas "entertainer" Bobby Berosini (who was video-taped beating the orangutans forced to perform in his nightclub act) was unanimously reversed by the Nevada Supreme Court and Berosini may now be forced to pay a huge bill for court costs. (PETA News Spring '94)

Researchers at Mt. Sinai Hospital have developed a new model for certain types of skin research, which should replace some animal experiments. (The AV April '94)

The Animal and Environmental Defense Association and

Earth Island Institute have prevented the import into the US of four false (smaller than orcas) killer whales from Japan to Indianapolis Zoo, after the zoo was unable to prove the whales were not imported through the Japanese drive fisheries method.

Corrositex, the first non-animal alternative approved for safety testing by a federal agency, has been chosen by several of the 100 major US manufacturers or transporters of corrosives.

Circus Vargas has recast its show to feature people instead of animal acts after the Elephant Alliance produced video evidence of the elephant abuse taking place there.

In response to a lawsuit filed by six wildlife protection organisations, the US Forest Service has agreed to reinstate its ban on bear baiting in all national forests in Wyoming, where it was due to begin in April.

A laboratory animal dealer in California has had his dealers' licence revoked after Last Chance for Animals released undercover footage of him shooting and butchering a springer spaniel.

Crack-smoking experiments on monkeys at New York University have been temporarily suspended while federal agencies investigate charges of negligence and misconduct by the researcher involved. (Animals' Agenda March/April '94)

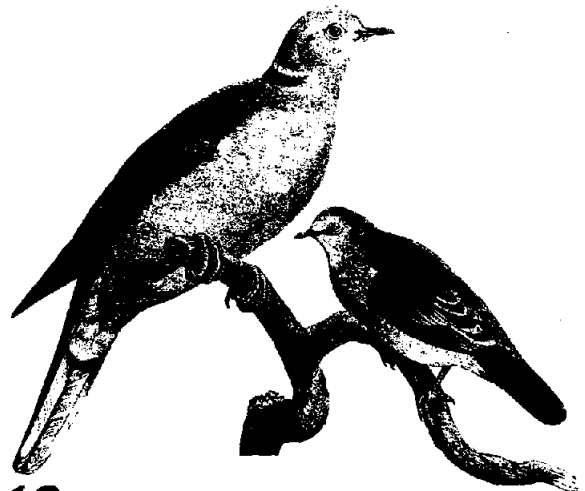
18 million mink are now "produced" for the fur trade in the US every year, compared with 45 million in the late 80's. (The Militant Vegan April '94)

The US has banned all trade in animal goods with Taiwan because the Taiwanese government hasn't done enough to stop the trade in rhino horn and tiger bones and skin. (Newsround 13/4/94)

America's most popular woman designer, Donna Karan, has become the third major US designer in a row (following Calvin Klein and Anne Klein) to drop fur. (Animal Times June/July '94)

ZAMBIA

A ban has been introduced on the export of the Nyasa Lovebird. (TRAFFIC Bulletin May '94)



Sabbing News

"Although it is two years since the MacNamara Bill was defeated, the threat to our country sports remains strong. There is a lack of understanding, not only in the urban population but also amongst those who are newly arrived in villages, of the critical role played by traditional pursuits in the conservation of the countryside. Many councils are now under hostile control, and the anarchist elements of our society are increasingly targeting shooting and fishing as well as hunting."

The above statement comes from BFSS stalwart Sir Nicholas Bonsor MP, admitting to members that their days are numbered. Now hunters appear to have accepted that the majority of the UK population deplores their activities and as a result have made an all-out effort to prevent hunt saboteurs saving the lives of foxes, deer, hares, birds, fish and other wildlife they refer to as "vermin". Their two-pronged assault on the sabotage movement has revolved around the use of "security" and legislation in the shape of the Criminal Justice Bill.

SLEDGEHAMMERS AND NUTS

Having persuaded ex-barrister Michael Howard of the need to support their disgusting little pastime, the hunters ensured that the anti-sab sections in the new law make it appear virtually impossible for sabs to succeed. Howard added "hippy convoys", raves and environmental protests on government road schemes to the Criminal Justice Bill and is now gleefully hoping for the British voter's support for his strong stance on law and order issues. The bill was drawn up and the relevant sections are likely to become law in October. However, the provisions of the Bill have brought previously uncommitted "party people" together with environmental campaigners, travellers, saboteurs and other political campaigners to form a unified opposition to the legislation. The protest against the bill in Central London on 24th July brought 30,000 people onto the streets in angry mood. Those protesters new to campaigning saw at first hand the strength of the saboteur and environmental protest movement and useful new links between the groups were forged. Several hunt saboteurs and other politically aware activists showed their true feelings against the government by attempting to pull down the gates to Downing Street and to occupy Major's den. The riot police charged in and managed to save Major's dignity but a clear message was sent to the Tories - stop lawful protest at your peril!



What is most important to realise, however, is that the provisions of the bill in respect of hunt sabotage have been made unworkable through the hunters' reactionary hatred of saboteurs and Howard's desperate need to appease the Tory right. If you examine the new laws in detail it soon becomes clear that rural police forces will never be able to prevent sabotage of hunts (unless, of course, we make it easy for them). The countryside forces will only be able to deal with determined hunt saboteurs if the saboteurs follow a predictable pattern, if the police outnumber the saboteurs and intercept them before they arrive at a hunt meet and thereafter prevent their access to the hunt all day. The police will never be able to patrol the hunt meets and surrounding country early enough to prevent pre-beating and remain nearby on the off chance that sabs will turn up. They will have to remain on stand-by throughout the afternoon to be sure that no saboteurs will be able to get between the hunt and the prey at any time during the meet and cannot leave until the hunt packs up. Just think of the cost implications for the police by sabs using less predictable methods. The most important lesson for sabs to learn is to forget any personal dislike between groups or individuals in the movement and to work together in a concerted attempt to end hunting for good. It is necessary for groups to become more disciplined and professional. We already have the expertise in saving hunted animals from the blood junkies; all we need to do now is develop sound tactics to ensure animals lives continue to be saved. If we are unpredictable in our behaviour the police will be unsuccessful in any attempts to prevent sabbing.

WHICH SIDE ARE THE POLICE ON?

Another issue to consider is the idea put about by some within the HSA that the police are as unhappy about the new arrangements as the saboteurs themselves and therefore the police should not be considered as the enemy but potential allies. It is a fair point to say that individual police officers have expressed their personal abhorrence for hunting and their irritation with hunt members for their arrogant attitude towards them. On some occasions they have even arrested and charged hunt followers and even the hunt master for assaulting saboteurs. However, the police forces are now to be given specific powers which make previously lawful protest unlawful. While the law on hunt sabotage was unclear police forces grudgingly accepted the rights of saboteurs to protest but were quick to crack down on those who engaged in acts they thought broke other laws under legislation such as the Public Order Act (even though they were often proved wrong in their assumptions and had to pay for their mistakes through civil court settlements). When the Criminal Justice Bill becomes law all this will change. Police officers will soon have the right to stop sabs' vehicles within 5 miles of a meet and can arrest those who refuse to turn away. Similarly, those organising hunt sabs could face arrest and punishment for organising "trespassory assemblies". Anyone seen sabbing a hunt will be liable to arrest and could face strict bail conditions from police stations without the need for a court appearance! Eventually sabs may face imprisonment and/or fines for sabbing, so it will become imperative not to be caught near a hunt in the first place.

Recent information suggests that in some areas the police have been meeting hunt saboteurs to explain how they will be enforcing the new laws. In one laughable meeting the police assured sabs they could still protest at hunts provided they stuck to footpaths, wore bright clothing but no scarves or other items to hide their faces and kept quiet to ensure the hunt were not bothered. Oh, and no-one could blow a horn or carry sprays!

SELF DEFENCE IS NO OFFENCE

The most problematical area for sabs is that of the legal position of "Hunt Stewards" and "Marshals" following the new laws. Already they believe themselves to be "hunt police" and have often acted illegally against saboteurs. If the sabs need to become unpredictable in order to avoid the police, we will no longer be able to appeal to the police to arrest hunt stewards or at least to stop the assaults taking place by their presence. We must face up to the reality of violent bumpkin thugs attacking sabs without restraint, and that means defending ourselves by force if necessary. It is unfortunate that those of us who have seen the escalating violence at hunts and who have refused to take part in violence ourselves now have no choice in the matter - we must defend ourselves or end up in hospital, followed by arrest and conviction for hunt sabbing. If the pacifist element within the HSA are prepared to take a beating from the hunt thugs, go to hospital, get arrested on discharge, face a hunt ban as part of bail conditions and then do the jail term or pay a fine, then good luck to them. However, the time for "turning the other cheek" is gone. We will be turned into criminals by the new law. It is up to

us to save the animals' lives.

ALTERNATIVES TO SABBBING

If there are those within the sabbing movement who really cannot handle the possibility of being arrested, there are other tactics to use against the hunts. With the introduction of these ridiculous laws, no doubt hunts will report an increase in numbers of followers. The opportunities for former sabs to infiltrate hunts and gain valuable information with which to discredit them are excellent. The best proponents of such activities are the Animal Cruelty Investigation Group, who have produced a handy guide on the subject of infiltrating the abusers, entitled "HOW YOU CAN HELP". The ACIG can be contacted at the following address:

ACIG, PO Box 8, Halesworth, Suffolk IP19 0JL

Another handy tactic which can cause the bloodsports enthusiasts worry and hassle is the targeting of their support network. For example, the Wigan based holiday company Shearings Ltd. has been persuaded to drop advertisements featuring Boxing Day meets of the Cambridgeshire Foxhounds and several other hunts from their brochure. The company's managing director said that his company was a caring one which did not "condone bloodsports". This tactic has been utilised by a number of wildlife protection and hunt saboteur groups throughout the UK. Local farmers have been sent letters asking for their views on allowing hunts across their lands and were also supplied with facts and figures relating to the damage caused by hunts. Another good example of such an approach is being used by Ashford Hunt Saboteurs Association. The group have publicised those pubs and other establishments which support hunting, or have hunting connections. Members of the public are asked to boycott these places and write to the owners explaining why they have taken their business elsewhere. A comprehensive list of the premises supporting the hunt has been produced in leaflet form and passed on to the public. After initial contacts with the landlords and hotel managers, followed up in some cases by personal contact, letters were sent to each hostelry explaining why the list had been drawn up and pointing out that it should not be construed as a personal threat to the individuals concerned.

Public information such as the above examples are most important to ensure we get our side of the argument across. Public meetings and educational evenings are a great way to inform the uninformed and recruit new sabs. One excellent aid to public meetings is the use of a video presentation and news has come to Arkangel of a video featuring the highlights of the MacNamara Bill debate in parliament on 14th February 1992. The 29 minute long film features contributions from Tony Benn, Tony Banks and BFSS supporters such as Nick Bonsor.

The film can be obtained from *Parliamentary Films Ltd., 11a Enterprise House, 59-65 Upper Ground, London SE1 9PQ (Tel.: 071 827 9510)* at a cost of £9.99, which includes postage and packing. Cheques should be made payable to Parliamentary Films Ltd.

Other campaigns against the bloodsports fraternity are going to be affected by the new laws... run-ons at country shows will almost certainly fall under the new laws, as will protests at hunt balls which go further than a banner demonstration. At this year's Surrey County Show the Surrey Police revealed their true feelings for anti-hunt attitudes, when a group of 8-9 year old children who were holding a banner protesting against the hunt (which was parading around the show ring at the time) had their banner ripped out of their hands by local plod. If they are prepared to behave in such a fanatical manner prior to the new laws, one can only imagine their response to anti-hunt protesters next year. Any bloodsports activity which remains in one place can be afforded police protection and protesters must expect to spend some time in police cells, followed by bail conditions which will be effective bans from hunts or other bloodsports.

If such activities cannot be confronted through legal means, it seems likely that some campaigners within the anti-bloodsports movement will consider taking part in illegal direct action against the hunts. In the past such actions have ranged from spray-painting the hunters' cars right up to the sending of explosive devices through the post to BFSS organisers. Such attacks have been at a low level and usually in response to particular behaviour by the individual blood junkie. Now it seems wholly likely that such attacks will escalate. It is a sad comment on our society that the one legal means where those of us who wish to protest peacefully against the wholesale slaughter of animals for sport is now to be withdrawn from us. It seems unfortunate that the Home Secretary didn't consider the likely outcome of his proposed legislation.

CAMPAIGN NEWS

Arkangel has not received much information on anti-bloodsports actions throughout the spring and summer. A report of sabbing South West hunts during Devon Week in March 1994 revealed an increase in attacks by hunt heavies on the sabs which fell to a new low when hunt supporters grabbed a female saboteur and handcuffed her to a tree. Police were told of the incident, but as usual treated the allegation with disdain, explaining to those sabs present that if she hadn't done anything wrong she would have come to no harm! Despite such behaviour from the hunt scum and police overkill, the week of sabbing was felt to have been a great success and worth repeating.

Hunt saboteurs took part in a protest against the Ashford Valley Hunt point to point fund-raiser at Charing on 2nd April. During the meet about 70 demonstrators confronted the 7,000 strong crowd and there were "numerous incidents" but only one protester was arrested for breach of the peace. However, Richard Pemble, joint master of the hunt, made the headlines when he picked up a hoax bomb device which had been found near the hunt secretary's tent and dumped it a quarter of a mile away in woodland. The biscuit tin package, which had all the elements of a bomb but did not contain explosive was detonated by police. Pemble was criticised by the police for failing to take sensible precautions, such as calling the police to the package and letting them check it out first; they added: "We would not encourage anyone to take those risks."

On 2nd June, 50 anti-bloodsports campaigners staged an

angry banner protest outside Christie's Auctioneers in Belgravia. The BFSS was holding a fund-raising event where the expected takings for the BFSS were about £60,000. The auction house was surrounded by police, who checked passers by for passes and herded protesters into the ubiquitous corral. Despite their strict control, two protesters gained entry to the auction and read a prepared statement to the audience, followed by a swift ejection by red-faced security guards. Up for bids were silly and overpriced sculptures, a Greek cruise, deer stalking, falconry and an African safari holiday, as well as invites to hunting, shooting and fishing events throughout the British Isles.

This event was followed by a humiliating defeat for the BFSS when those activists who had been arrested for occupying the BFSS head office in November 1993 had all charges against them dismissed. The charges had been reduced from "false imprisonment" and "criminal damage" to section 5 when it was revealed that the BFSS staff member had remained in the offices willingly and the damage to BFSS property had been caused by the police who sledgehammered the office doors down and knocked filing cabinets over. At the trial none of the prosecution witnesses said they had been abused or threatened by the demonstrators and the charge of disorderly conduct revolved around files which were scattered around the floor (the result of an over-enthusiastic entry by the police!) The magistrate had no difficulty in dismissing all charges and civil action against the Metropolitan police is pending.

On 16th June, the Campaign for the Abolition of Angling, and the London Animal Rights Coalition organised a demonstration outside IPC Publications, who produce the pro-angling magazine "Anglers Mail". The 20 strong picket culminated with the trashing of a fishing rod which a reformed angler had brought to the event.

On 16th July, three activists leafletted the National Trust Extraordinary General Meeting at Westminster Central Halls in London to encourage National Trust members to vote against stag hunting on their land. The vote banning stag hunting was eventually carried and the leafletters were pleasantly surprised to find a large amount of support from people attending the meeting.

It appears that the mink hunts received less attention this summer, with the exception of the Welsh mink hunters, who were regularly sabbed by local campaigners.

Finally, the National March and Rally against Hunting which took place on August 6th in Central London proved to be a most enjoyable day. The one sour note was the attitude of LACS to the march - they advised members not to attend the march because the organiser had convictions for ALF actions! Thankfully not all LACS members believe it is a bad thing to have been convicted for ALF actions and a number turned up to swell the crowd which was thought to be around 3,000 strong. The marchers enjoyed a good route through London which passed (or rather stopped!) outside those animal abuse establishments Boots and McDonalds before ending at Trafalgar Square, where speeches from a number of campaigners were heard. The event was rounded off by a visit to Westminster Central Halls where it was gratifying to see

the ALF Press Office and the ALF Supporters Group among the legitimate stallholders. NAVS should take note that the whole event passed peacefully, with no problems developing between marchers and stewards and no flypitching of stalls, as the NAHC organisers had a non-discriminatory policy towards all animal rights organisations.



European Network for Dolphins

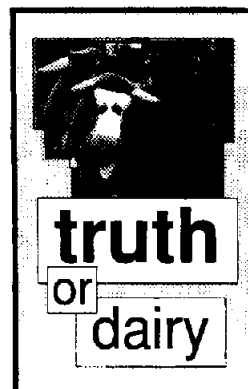
On July 4th, the World Day for Captive Dolphins, demonstrators held a protest/public education rally outside Kolmarden dolphinarium in Sweden. Six wild-caught dolphins and two captive-bred perform and are exhibited at the zoo. When Flamingoland's dolphinarium closed its doors in March '93, the three dolphins were moved to yet another 'bare, featureless concrete box'. Around 30 campaigners, with banners, leaflets and a megaphone made a visual impact at the entrance to the zoo. The press and radio came - including the two biggest newspapers in Sweden. The next day, one of the papers' headlines proclaimed 'set them free'. All in all, a very satisfactory public awareness exercise, informing them about the hidden facts of dolphinarium.

No doubt some saboteurs will be put off sabbing by the new laws. However, if those who are prepared to continue the fight organise and cooperate, the state hasn't got a chance to prevent the saving of animals' lives by utilising such absurdly unjust laws. We should all realise that the introduction of these new laws has happened because the powerful men in the Houses of Parliament have seen the possibility of their traditional sports (and their earnings from the grouse moors and pheasant shoots) seriously curtailed by effective campaigns. Don't forget, in a secret meeting sabs were told by a Home Office official and a spokesperson for the Attorney General that they didn't really give two hoots for the hunters, but when the shooters and the wealthy landowners found their murdering lifestyle under threat, the criminalisation of sabs would follow. The Home Office advice was ignored (as it should have been) but now we face the consequences. Still, we can handle it!

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News from the ALF Press Office

by Robin Webb

Are they gunning for all of us?

During the past few weeks the press office has been raided by the police twice; a dramatic change of tactics - having been left relatively alone for some time.

The first time was shortly after the latest battery egg contamination hoax by the Poultry Liberation Organisation which claimed to have placed such eggs in Tesco stores throughout the South. Two detectives from the Hampshire police arrived on my doorstep unannounced to which I gave my standard reply along the lines of: "No, I won't answer your questions, please contact my solicitor. His name and telephone number is ... Thank you." As usual, they left. However, they returned later that evening with some Cambridgeshire police and a search warrant. The warrant gave the reason that they wanted to search for correspondence. In truth it seems to have been plain and simple vindictiveness. They even took the answering machine and fax!

Exactly two weeks later I was down in Hove, next door to Brighton, to see a few people. Leaving the first visit, in sight of the sea, my car was stopped in true highway patrol fashion by the Special Operations Unit from New Scotland Yard (they just happened to be out on a day trip). Immediately from around the corner came several Sussex police patrol cars, which I guess didn't want to miss out on the action.

Clearly, I can't go into details at this time; suffice it to say that Dave Hammond, who I had just left, and I were both charged with possession of a sawn-off double-barrelled shotgun and 22 rounds of ammunition. I was also charged with possessing further ammunition.

We were both held incommunicado until our houses were "made secure" (i.e. searched). According to what happened back at my little terraced house in the sleepy village I call home no less than one unmarked police car, four patrol cars, and two police personnel carriers turned up. Turning the house over until midnight on Friday 20th August, a WPC was stationed there overnight, and the rest of them returned at 9am on Saturday to continue the search. Meanwhile, Dave and I are out on bail - our current conditions being: no communication whatsoever with each other, signing on at our respective police stations every day, reside at our home addresses. My additional restriction is that I must not travel more than 20 miles from the centre of Cambridge. Who needs a curfew?

A defence fund has been set up to which donations are urgently invited. Please make cheques/PO's payable to "Hove Two Defence Fund" (yes, I know there's an awful pun in the name!) and send them c/o BM4400, London, WC1N 3XX.

Hylyne hops it!

The press office, being treated as the genuine news agency it is, received a press release from Hylyne Rabbits dated 27th June. In short, it said that both Hylyne Rabbits and its marketing company Coney Europa, were going into voluntary liquidation, "due to recent severe firebomb and parcel bomb attacks".

The release continued that, "several recent attacks have destroyed staff vehicles, burnt down rabbit breeding and nursery units... (and) many rabbits have been stolen". Of its marketing company, Hylyne write, "Coney Europa Ltd... has also been placed in liquidation as their housing has also been burnt down only months after refurbishment". This is a culmination of the many ALF attacks over a number of years, plus attention from the Justice Department. You will no doubt recall the raid during May of last year when 80 rabbits, including nursing mothers with their young, were liberated. That action even used an inflatable boat to cross a nearby river.

The most recent actions, which appear to have provided the final nails to seal Hylyne's fate, were a car burnt out on 31st March, 30 rabbits rescued during the early hours of May 1st, and, exactly one week later, incendiary devices being placed in all sheds which were empty of rabbits. This success proves yet again, if proof were needed, that direct action can and does succeed where rational argument has sadly failed. Well done to all concerned, whoever they may be.

A hot time in the old town tonight...

Having gone across to Belfast for a few days in early July with a representative from the ALF SG, incidentally doing some radio and newspaper interviews whilst out there, I was surprised to get calls on my mobile phone on the morning of 6th July that Boots and some other stores in my home town of Cambridge had caught fire, seemingly through incendiary devices. At least I had a good alibi...

Not having received a claim at that time, I gave the usual reasons why the stores in question would be targets for animal liberation groups. However, during the mid-morning a call came through that devices had been placed in various Cambridge stores the previous day, timed to activate at about 2.30am with two others timed to detonate at noon. The latter two devices appear to have been a hoax to cause maximum disruption.

News from the A.R.M.

The devices which did activate caused £1.5 million damage on the first floor of the large Boots store and £550,000 damage at the Edinburgh Woollen Mill store. A further device was found smouldering in the pocket of a

sheepskin coat at Marrs Leather Shop, a store which ceased selling actual fur coats after ALF attacks during 1993. Every opportunity was taken to explain the cruelties inherent in the wool industry - such as one million sheep each year dying from exposure after being shorn in Australia alone, and one-third of UK wool coming from the slaughter industry.

These actions, the caller claimed, had been carried out by the Animal Rights Militia and were the beginning of a campaign against High Street animal abuse in towns and cities across Britain.

Since that time, during August, both Oxford and the Isle of Wight have been subjected to similar attacks. Although the latter two have not been claimed that is not really surprising as the ARM activists would be aware that the press office telephones are bugged and one clear claim is surely enough? Certainly they are fulfilling their claim that the campaign will be aimed at towns and cities across Britain. Neither Cambridge, nor Oxford, nor the Isle of Wight are places which spring to mind immediately; perhaps it is intended as an indication that nowhere is safe?

Both the Oxford attacks on 10th August, and Isle of Wight incidents exactly two weeks later on the 24th, each caused, like the initial Cambridge actions, more than £2 million-worth of damage and received widespread publicity. However, with the intensity of the attacks the question must be asked; is there really no ARM in it (sorry!).

The Justice Department just keeps on...

In the last edition of Arkangel I wrote the first report on the Justice Department which concluded with the first wave of 'mouse trap devices' being mailed out on 16th February.

Since then, things have been far from quiet. On 7th April two video-type devices were delivered; one was made safe using a controlled explosion at Boots the Chemist in Cambridge and the second detonated injuring the office manager at the headquarters of the British National Party. The latter device was intended to highlight the fact that "human freedom, animal rights-one struggle, one fight" isn't just empty rhetoric. All abuse of the weak and innocent of whatever species is wrong.

Another two video devices were despatched on 18th April. The first, intended as, "the first wave of a new campaign against live exports", was addressed to a prominent member of the Gloucestershire family involved in animal transport, but detonated in a Coventry sorting office. The badger baiter from East Sussex who featured in a Channel 4 TV documentary earlier this year was the recipient of the other device.

One of the JD's few hoaxes was seen next on the 30th April when Boots the Chemist's huge store in Plymouth was evacuated on this busy Saturday of the May Bank Holiday weekend. Neighbouring businesses were also cleared, including McDonalds which didn't reopen until 4pm, with the entire city centre being closed for several hours.

A wave of fifteen more "mousetraps" were sent out on the 12th May to various targets in the Hampshire/Sussex area; 10 vivisection, 2 puppy breeders, 1 slaughterhouse and 2 bloodsports enthusiasts, including the ill-fated badger baiter from East Sussex.

A video-type device of what is thought to have been a slightly different design to usual was left on the doorstep of Genus, an artificial insemination company in Northamptonshire, on 27th May and was subsequently detonated by the RAF bomb disposal squad using a controlled explosion.

Poster tube devices were used again in the next series of attacks on no less than six targets involved in the live exports trade. Although these poster tubes lacked the hypodermic needles from the earlier design they possessed a greater explosive capability. Delivered on 3rd June, the targets ranged across the UK from Stena Sealink's head office in Kent to Ross Breeders HQ near Edinburgh. Two of the bombs were addressed to members of the Gloucestershire family against whom the campaign was originally launched.

Yet another fifteen "mousetraps" were mailed out on 15th July to targets including 9 vivisection, 3 bloodsports, 2 puppy breeders and 1 slaughterhouse. Eight of the devices were sent to addresses previously featured on 12th May. The device sent to the owner of Wickham Research Laboratories was claimed to have, "also got a little bit extra" ... suggestions on a postcard, please, the only trouble is that I don't even know what the "bit extra" actually was!

The speedboat kept at Garetmar Kennels (formerly Cottagepatch) was destroyed on 28th July by a powerful incendiary. This boat had previously been subjected to several damage attacks from the ALF but I guess they'll just have to look elsewhere now. Four hoax devices were also delivered that day, one to the owner of a company that breeds dogs for vivisection and three to hunt targets. One of the latter was dealt with by yet another bomb disposal squad using yet another controlled explosion.

Northamptonshire on 6th August saw the next attacks when 12 powerful incendiaries were planted at the premises of a livestock haulage company in Great Billing. Originally intending to hit buildings as well as vehicles the activists found additional lorries parked, so the attack was concentrated on those. Two lorry tractor units, three trailers and two rigid vehicles were severely damaged. One of the £30,000 vehicles was completely burnt out.

The latest incident, which appears to be the work of the JD, was a letter bomb delivered on 22nd August to a manufacturer of animal traps in Winsford, Cheshire. The target is also a member of the BFSS. Although these devices have usually been sent out in waves, it could be either an isolated individual attack or 'the powers that be' have put the lid on any other devices. Certainly the local media couldn't even find out the person's name at the time!

But what about the ALF?

Well, of course the Animal Liberation Front activists

haven't been exactly idle since the last Arkangel; in fact, actions seem to be increasing as the year progresses. What with the actions of the Animal Rights Militia, Justice Department, Poultry Liberation Organisation, and Hunt Retribution Squad, they certainly aren't alone out there either!

As you will be aware, NAVS' slogan for this year's World Day was "Unlock the labs". Of course, it took the ALF to make the empty rhetoric a reality. During the early hours of Saturday 23rd April, the day of the march, activists went through the roof at North East Surrey College of Technology which runs courses for the Institute of Animal Technicians, and then into four rooms via the ceilings.

Fifteen large New Zealand white rabbits, 52 guinea pigs, 98 rats and 52 hamsters were taken to permanent, loving homes. Empty cages were trashed, rooms flooded by turning on the taps and blocking drains, an expensive electron microscope damaged, and slogans left including "World Day '94 - ALF".

The dairy industry, responsible as it also is for the veal trade and the live export trade in calves, hasn't been neglected... On the night of Tuesday 19th April, the premises of Tom Parker Dairies in Fareham, Hampshire, saw the ALF cutting through the security fence, painting slogans, contaminating a large vat of milk with creosote, and effectively trashing fifty milk floats by slashing tyres, pulling off windscreen wipers, smashing windows and paint-stripping the bodywork.

During the early hours of 15th August, the Co-operative Dairy in Torquay was hit and nine lorries were paint-stripped, tyres slashed, slogans painted and the refrigeration units turned off. Four milk floats were also badly damaged during the attack. The Western Morning News report covered the points made about the veal trade and live exports surprisingly well, the information taking up more space than details of the actual attack!

Many heart-warming liberations have been carried out, a very small selection being: six cats due to be destroyed under the terms of a will rescued from the North West after all legal means had failed; ten puppies rehomed in an action against Garetmar Kennels; three sheep spirited away from vivisection at Leeds University Farm; one hundred guinea pigs from a laboratory animal breeder at Battlesbridge in Essex; eleven Persian cats, some heavily pregnant, liberated from a stud farm in Cheshire; one hundred hens from Brooks Green near Horsham in West Sussex; and another eighty two from Long Buckby in Northamptonshire... and the list goes on and on and on... sorry to those we missed, and special thanks to those who gave all the individual animals and birds the opportunity of new and happy lives.

Economic sabotage has been far from forgotten, with locks glued, windows catapulted and etched, slogans painted, vehicles trashed, buildings damaged and a general rise in insurance premiums and security costs. I won't say, "keep it up" because that would land me with charges of incitement but if I said, "stop doing it" nobody would take any notice of me anyway...!

A "Thank you," and a plea for help

To all those who gave moral support to both myself and Margaret during our recent hassles "thanks so much"... unless you're on the receiving end you really don't know how much it can mean. Some people deserve a particular mention because of their special efforts, love and caring, but it wouldn't be a wise move to publicise them. They know who they are...

The problem with being restricted to a 20-mile radius means that the Press Office can't, at this time, do public meetings or demos. This means a dramatic reduction in donations and merchandise sales, which I feel sure was one of the main intentions of the bail conditions. To enable the Press Office to continue... even without a fax machine, etc... funds are urgently needed. Please, if you can send a donation or organise a fund-raising event it would be greatly appreciated at this very difficult time. Don't forget, the ALF Press Office is a voice for the activists.

Just in closing...

Apologies for this article not being up to the usual standard but pressures have meant that it's been done with many unexpected interruptions, and already Arkangel has had to wait for it past the usual deadline. That said, none of it would have been possible without the efforts of the activists, so to all of you - both free and not so free - well done, take care, be good.

Change of Address: SEARC and National Link

Dear SEARC members and subscribers to National Link,

Many apologies if you have sent correspondence to the new Brighton animal rights centre address that you may have been advised about a couple of months ago. Unfortunately, a room was sub-let to us at that address on a verbal agreement from an A/R person but, after two and a half weeks and for no other reason than sheer vindictiveness, we were ordered to get out and take our equipment with us. This after having spent over £150 of animal rights money on the room one way and another. However, as it happens the eviction did us a favour as we have found much better premises in central Brighton.

The name of the new organisation is the Brighton Region Animal Welfare and Rights Centre (BRAWRC). The following address will find us, simply prefix the address with either SEARC, National Link, or BRAWRC:

Room 3, 10 Waterloo Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2NB (We can still be reached by phone on 0424 730154).

Warm regards to all,
Mike Nunn.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY

A SELECTION OF CUTTINGS FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS

BOOTS IS HIT AGAIN

'EVENING HERALD' 14.5.94

ANIMAL rights activists today caused more than £6,000 worth of damage when they sealed locks with glue and broke windows in attacks on both Boots stores in Plymouth city centre.

Robin Webb, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, rang the Evening Herald to claim responsibility for the attacks at the main store in Old Town Street and the shop in New George Street.

He also said the group was responsible for planting the incendiary device at the Old Town Street store last Wednesday which was de-

by MARK FLEMING

fused by Royal Navy bomb disposal experts.

Mr Webb claimed Boots are involved in tests using animals and warned the campaign of direct action would go on unless the firm stopped.

He said: "They claim their products are not tested on animals, but they are. They have two laboratories in Nottinghamshire where many species of animals, including Beagle dogs, are used in testing."

Staff at the main Boots store arrived at work this morning to discover the activists had smashed holes in almost every ground floor window.

At the lower store, staff found two broken panes of glass and locks on the main doors had been doused in glue.

The glass damage has been temporarily repaired, but it is expected that each of the main windows – ten in the main store and two in the lower store – will have to be replaced at a cost of £500 each.

Both stores were open for business as usual. It is the third time in a fortnight Boots has been targeted.

Apart from Wednesday's attack, a fortnight ago a large section of Plymouth's city centre was closed off after animal rights extremists dubbed the Justice Department claimed they placed an incendiary device in the Old Town Street store. Nothing was found at the time.

'Glorious Twelfth' opens with grouse and protesters

SHOOTING parties and opponents of blood sports took to Britain's grouse moors yesterday as the 'Glorious Twelfth' was again celebrated, together with the almost ritual war of words.

Fears that *Lagopus scoticus*, the red grouse quarry, would be thin on the ground, appeared to have been unfounded as sportsmen in Lancashire and Yorkshire were said to be "smiling" with "average bags."

Anti-blood sport groups were less in evidence than in previous years, although some drives were delayed and police said certain protesters converged on Yorkshire from as far afield as Guildford, Bristol and Nottingham.

Numbers

About 40 police officers were deployed to tackle possible breaches of the peace in north Yorkshire, but police said there was no violence and no one was hurt despite some "pushing and shoving."

A spokesman for North Yorkshire police said protests began at Harkerside in Wensleydale, where about 60 protesters delayed the shoot.

It had been feared that the grouse had not fully recovered from a disastrous breeding season last year – one of the worst in memory.

Phillip Pugh, Northern regional officer of the British Association for Shooting and Conservation, said however: "There appears to be a fairly healthy number of grouse being shot."



■ Inglorious: a scuffle breaks out on the grouse moors of north Yorkshire yesterday

Firebomb threat shuts city centre

by DAVID ZWIREK

TRADERS in the centre of Plymouth are counting the cost of lost bank holiday takings after animal liberationists threatened to blow up a store.

Shops and restaurants fear they could have lost hundreds of pounds from customers who had to be evacuated from three main shopping streets during the Saturday morning rush.

Police cordoned off Boots after a local radio station received a warning that a powerful incendiary device had been hidden among shelves of cosmetics.

The caller, claiming to be from an animal liberation extremist group calling themselves The Justice Department, said a bomb had been planted near aerosols to cause the maximum amount of damage and noise but had failed to go off in the early hours of the morning.

Old Town Street, Eastlake Street and part of New George Street were closed for two hours from 9.20 am as police tracker dogs were sent in to try and sniff out

NEW YEAR SHOP TERROR CAMPAIGN

ANIMAL extremists claimed responsibility for planting fire bombs in a campaign against Boots stores in Cornwall last New Year.

One device exploded in the Bodmin store causing minor damage, and two others were defused after being discovered in packets of hair care products bought from branches in Liskeard and Helston.

Boots brand hair care kits were targeted for the bombs although the company insisted that neither pro-

duct was tested on animals.

The Boots store in Meneage Street, Helston, was evacuated and searched after a warning telephone call to police headquarters. A suspect package was discovered.

On the same day, part of Penzance town centre was sealed off while police blew up a carrier bag at the town's Boots branch.

But it was described as an "elaborate hoax" by police.

the bomb but nothing was found.

The manager of Marks & Spencer, Tony Beecher, said he had lost some trade on the busy bank holiday Saturday when his store was shut from 10am until 11.30.

He said: "It is very disappointing and bad news for traders but of course we have to put human life first."

Dingles manager Peter Fairweather said: "We did not close at all but those of us who were able to stay open are concerned about our colleagues in other stores who could not trade."

"It is a potentially busy

weekend but the safety of people is most important."

One of the worst affected was McDonalds, which remained closed until 4pm. Shift manager Vance Withers said: "It has had a dramatic effect on us. We could not get the staff in and have lost a whole day's takings."

Animal Liberation Front spokesman Robin Webb said that a message had been left on his telephone answering machine by the Justice Department - an independent extremist group who were responsible for a spate of New Year fire bombings in Boots stores in Cornwall.

He said they had used a

number of devices, including parcel bombs in the past, some containing razor blades in a bid to set off water sprinkler systems to cause damage to stock.

Mr Webb said: "Boots is seen as the high street face of vivisection."

"Any damage to Plymouth's economy is caused by animal experiments carried out by Boots."

It has been alleged that Boots Pharmaceuticals carry out animal experiments.

The company insist testing on its own brand products ended in 1975.

'WESTERN MORNING NEWS' 2.5.94

Animal extremists hit butchers' shops

THE outlawed Animal Liberation Front this week claimed responsibility for attacks on two butchers' shops and said it would carry on until "they cease their barbaric trade".

In a letter, hand delivered to the Edgware & Mill Hill Times office on Monday night, the group said it smashed front windows of Price's Butchers in High Street, Edgware, before moving on to the nearby halal shop, in Whitchurch Lane.

Shahid Afzel, manager of Hussein's

Actions against these Animal Abusers will continue until they cease their barbaric trade.

Part of the ALF's menacing message

Halal Meat, said they had only just replaced the £1,150 glass shop front following another attack three weeks ago.

He said: "The window of the butchers down the road was broken at the same time as ours and I know other businesses in the area have been attacked."

Susan Panther of Peggy's Pet Shop, in High Street, said they had been hit when shop fronts were splashed with acid towards the end of last year.

But for a furrier, who runs a business in the area, it was a lot worse.

His shop was repeatedly splashed with red paint, shot at with air rifles and had its locks jammed with glue.

'TIMES GROUP' 17.3.94

Rabbit farm shutdown forced by rights groups

A CHESHIRE rabbit farm is ceasing trading because of the activities of animal rights groups.

Hylne Rabbits is going into voluntary liquidation following a series of actions by the Animal Liberation Front and other animal rights groups.

The farm, at Statham, Lymm, recently suffered £25,000-worth of damage in an arson attack, a parcel bomb has been sent to it and rabbits have been stolen in raids.

Hylne director Edwin Sutton said: "You can't carry on when you've got to keep looking under your car to see if there's a bomb."

"We haven't gone bankrupt," said Mr Sutton. "We've got plenty of money. I'm just not prepared to put my staff through all this."

"It is an absolute disaster, but we

'You can't keep looking for bombs under cars'

By David Banks
Daily Post Staff

can't carry on."

It was the continuing threats of ALF action and the spiralling insurance costs which prompted Mr Sutton's decision to go into liquidation.

Animal rights groups are jubilant. A spokesman for the ALF called it a "victory for the rabbits."

The ALF claimed responsibility for the raids last May and September and for the arson attack last month.

Responsibility for the parcel bomb

was claimed by the Justice Department, a very extreme group which, unlike the ALF, says it does not care about the risk of injury to people through its actions.

ALF spokesman Robin Webb said: "I'm delighted for the rabbits."

"We've had butchers and fur shops put out of business before, but this is the first time I can recall a venture of this type going into liquidation."

"I'm sure this will encourage activists everywhere."

Mr Webb said he had no sympathy for those who would lose their jobs

as a result of the decision.

For the newly-formed Hylne Action Group, a Manchester-based organisation which was planning a series of demonstrations against the farm, yesterday's news was a victory before they had even started their campaign.

Its spokesman said: "This is really a victory for the ALF."

The rabbit farm, a family business, was started in 1955 with an initial capital of only six shillings.

It grew rapidly to become known world-wide for its breeding techniques and breeders from all over the world came to study its methods.

Mr Sutton worked in the business with his wife and eight part-time staff.

Local councillor Sheila Woodyatt said: "My impression has always been that this was a well-run and well-respected company."

Zoo under fire after probe by rights group

A MERSEYSIDE zoo has come in for heavy criticism after an undercover animal rights investigation.

Kent-based Animal Aid claims conditions inside Southport Zoo are inadequate for the species on display.

And the zoo, founded over 20 years ago by Carole and Douglas Petrie, was given a "Pitiful Exhibit Award" for its mandrill monkey cage.

Transferred

Animal Aid general secretary Iain Green said conditions inside the enclosure left the monkeys totally unstimulated.

He said: "Their most stimulating activity was to touch drain water outside their cages."

'LIVERPOOL ECHO' 21.3.94

Porpoise rescue

2ft porpoise cub found stranded on the Mawdach estuary in Gwynedd was being airlifted by helicopter last night to an RSPCA wildlife hospital in Norfolk.

THE TIMES' 26.8.94

ANIMAL RIGHTS terrorists were blamed last night for a series of firebombs that caused over £2 million worth of damage to shops on the Isle of Wight.

Two shops were gutted, a charity shop was badly damaged by smoke and three others were targeted but unscathed in a wave of attacks on the island.

A branch of Boots was burnt out as was a sports shop, believed to have been selected because it sold leather footballs and boots.

At the height of the fires on Tuesday night, extra fire engines had to be sent to the island from the mainland and people near the Boots store in Newport were told to keep windows shut after sheets of asbestos exploded in the fire.

The first alarm was raised on Tuesday afternoon when an incendiary device was found in a garment at a fishing tackle shop but police were criticised by Mr Morris Barton, leader of the Isle of Wight County Council, for not carrying out thorough searches of potential targets.

'DAILY TELEGRAPH' 25.8.94



BOMB SCENE: A policeman guards the wrecked Boots shop

Militants' terror trail

By KATHRYN LISTER

ANIMAL rights campaigners have been more active in the past 12 months than any other time in their 18-year history.

And none more so than the Animal Liberation Front, which caused £15 million worth of damage last year.

Scotland Yard says the group has made more than 400 incendiary attacks since the late 80s.

The ALF has even produced a manual describing how to make timed incendiary devices and petrol bombs, and how best to damage vehicles, locks and telephone lines.

The 2,000-strong group was founded by Ronnie Lee in 1976 after he was released from a three-year jail sentence for arson. Lee — freed again from prison two years ago for plotting fire-raising attacks on department stores — des-

cribed animal laboratories and factory farms as "the concentration camps of the human Reich".

The group's toll of havoc includes £20,000 of damage when members attacked vehicles at a Bristol dairy.

Firebombs also caused £85,000 damage at a meat depot in Bournemouth and £100,000-worth at a pork pie factory in Reading. In the West Midlands a meat company lost 10 refrigerated lorries worth £500,000.

Ten years ago the ALF claimed to have poisoned Mars bars in protest at tooth-decay experiments on monkeys — a hoax which cost the manufacturers more than £3 million.

'DAILY EXPRESS' 25.8.94

Activist pledges attacks will be continued

BACKGROUND

By CLIVE SIMPSON

The News

Firebombs on the Isle of Wight last night are the latest in a series of terror campaign attacks by animal rights campaigners to hit the south.

Detectives are probing the involvement of activists in the series of blazes, Hampshire police said today.

Portsmouth animal rights campaigner Lin Sandell said today the attacks would continue.

"The reason it is done is because we are all against vivisection," she said.

"We want it to stop and we have to take direct action because the government is doing nothing."

Mrs Sandell, a member of the Portsmouth Animal Rights Group, added: "The reason the cancer research shop was targeted was because people do not realise vivisection takes place in cancer research."

"Anyone involved in animal abuse or vivisection is a target as far as the Animal Liberation Front is concerned. They will carry on until the businesses close down or stop animal testing," she pledged.

'THE NEWS' 24-8-94

Animal rights firebomb protest

A SERIES of firebomb attacks which caused £2m damage on the Isle of Wight yesterday were probably the work of animal rights activists, police said. The attacks stretched the island's fire service to its limits with reinforcements having to be called in from the mainland.

No one was hurt, but the four bombs planted in shops caused severe damage, forced people from their homes and sparked a pollution scare as asbestos sheets at a chemists shop exploded in the intense heat.

'THE INDEPENDENT' 25-8-94

Police find three shop fire bombs

By Collin Wright

POLICE investigating five early morning fires at stores and shops in Harrogate and York recovered three incendiary devices which, it is believed, were planted by animal rights militants.

Two Boots stores and an outlet of Fads — DIY subsidiary of the company — were damaged along with a gun shop and an Imperial Cancer Research shop between 1am and 4am yesterday.

Devices were recovered from the Boots and Fads outlets in York and from the Imperial Cancer Research shop in Harrogate. They were being examined last night.

North Yorkshire police have contacted Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch, which maintains a database of animal rights groups. The force was also liaising with police in Hampshire, Thames Valley and Cambridge, where in recent months there have been similar fires for which animal rights groups have admitted responsibility.

A police spokesman said last night that no group had admitted blame for the five fires which caused considerable damage to two outlets.

The Boots store in Harrogate suffered significant damage to its first floor although the outlet in York was not badly affected and opened for business.

The most serious threat was posed by the fire at Fads where hundreds of gallons of paint and inflammable material are kept. The store was badly damaged.

Boots has been a target of several animal rights attacks since last year and incendiary devices have been recovered from fire-damaged outlets throughout the country.

A company spokesman said: "We have suffered attacks recently for which animal rights activists have claimed responsibility."

'DAILY TELEGRAPH' 17-9-94

Turtle saved

Baltimore: A 93lb sea turtle, which was nearly blind when it was picked up off the Virginia coast, has a fighting chance of returning home after cataract surgery at the National Aquarium. The loggerhead turtle weighed only 78lbs when it was rescued. (AP)

Firebombs condemned

REACTION

The firebomb attacks were condemned by the Petersfield-based Compassion in World Farming.

Campaigns director Philip Lymbery said: "This type of action does nothing for our campaign or the welfare of animals. It only serves to alienate the public support we have worked hard to build up."

Mr Lymbery said Compassion in World Farming only organised peaceful and legal campaigns.

"To be honest we don't see this kind of activity at all in the sphere we work in," he added.

Compassion in World Farming is a leading farm animal welfare organisation campaigning against factory farming and the export of live animals.

'ISLE OF WIGHT NEWS' 24-8-94

Tiger rescue

Delhi: India, alarmed that its tiger population is dwindling, is to form a group of seven experts to tackle tiger poaching. (AFP)

'THE TIMES' 10-8-94

Otters make a return to cleaned-up Thames

by PETER GRUNER

THE wild otter is returning to Britain and today a meeting of international scientists applauded Britain's remarkable success.

Ten years after being driven to virtual extinction, the otter has returned to many of its old habitats, including the upper reaches of the Thames, delegates at the conference in the Netherlands heard.

The conference, organised jointly by the Council of Europe and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, has been called to spotlight the plight of otters badly hit by atmospheric pollution, pesticides and loss of habitat.

Britain compares favourably with other parts of Europe. In North Devon conservationists report a major success story with otters populating 80 per cent of the Torridge catchment area. They have also been seen in the Exe and the Taw.

British delegate Dr Sheila Macdonald, a research fellow at Essex University, said: "Britain has good reason to feel proud. In environmental terms we are obviously doing something right."

Stingray attacks angler

By ROBI DUTTA

A MAN will have to undergo plastic surgery after being attacked by a stingray while fishing on a Welsh beach.

Bob Dix, 51, a fireman from Cambridge, was helping another angler to land the fish during a competition in Borth, Dyfed.

Another man kicked the stingray's wings and it spun round and lashed Mr Dix's leg with its venomous tail. It sliced through his wellington boot and clothing, inflicting an inch-deep wound.

Mr Dix was detained at a hospital in Aberystwyth for two days, and will require skin grafts.

'THE TIMES' 15-7-94

Badgers on low road to long life

The Department of Transport has spent £225,000 on building 22 badger tunnels under the final 17-mile section of the M1-A1 link road in the Midlands. Each concrete tube is about 2ft wide.

Sue Radley, the landscape consultant who advised on the design of the tunnels, said: "Around 47,000 badgers are thought to be killed every year crossing roads, usually at night. This is an astonishingly high mortality rate when measured against a total adult badger population of about 250,000."

'THE TIMES' 19-7-94

Oxford disrupted by firebombers

ANIMAL rights activists disrupted the centre of Oxford yesterday when two incendiary devices they planted in city centre stores went off. Three others failed to ignite.

Detectives confirmed that the attacks on stores selling leather and woollen goods had the hallmarks of animal rights activists. They came after three similar attacks in Cambridge recently where the Animal Rights Militia attacked a leather shop, Boots the Chemist and a woollens shop. The first floor of Boots was severely damaged by a device believed to be the size of an audio cassette.

A spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front said yesterday: "The Animal Rights Militia claimed responsibility for the Cambridge attacks and said it was the beginning of a campaign in towns and cities across England against all forms of animal abuse. This could be the second wave of a new

campaign." Police were alerted early yesterday when a blast was heard at C H Brown and Son, a leather shop in Oxford's covered market.

The explosion started a fire in the ground floor of the shop and caused heavy smoke in nearby stores. The workshop was flooded, causing thousands of pounds of damage, after a sprinkler system was activated. Two more devices were later discovered, at a furrier and a leather shop.

Shortly before 8am another device was found at West World and two hours later staff at the Edinburgh Wool Shop raised the alarm after a fire broke out. At one stage a large area of the city centre was sealed off but was reopened during the rush hour.

Chief Inspector Laurie Fray, of Thames Valley Police, said: "All the indications are that some animal rights activist group are behind this. We do not know who because no-one has claimed responsibility."

'THE TIMES' 11.8.94

£2m animal fire attacks

ANIMAL rights activists were last night blamed for a firebomb blitz which caused £2 million damage to shops.

Four fires early yesterday destroyed a Boots store and a sports shop.

Two other buildings — a suede goods store and a Cancer Research charity shop — had minor damage.

The incendiary devices, at Ryde and Newport on the Isle of Wight, went off within 80 minutes of each other. The previous day, another

device had been discovered. Nigel Young, 47, owner of the sports store whose £600,000 business went up in smoke, was close to tears.

"Why me — the only leather products I sell, are football boots. The kids' Christmas club toys have all been wrecked," he said.

Police are checking ferry security videos.

'TODAY' 25.8.94

Cruel farmer banned from keeping sheep

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A FARMER was banned from keeping sheep for life by a court yesterday after he admitted more than 80 offences of cruelty.

Winston George Tucker, 43, was fined £5,000 by magistrates at Okehampton, Devon, and ordered to pay £13,161 costs.

Shops hit

The Animal Liberation Front said its activists had sprayed at least 17 shops in Hampshire with creosote, as part of their campaign against cruelty to animals.

'THE TIMES' 1.4.94

Ferries ban livestock

Brittany Ferries announced yesterday that from August 22 it would refuse to carry live animals for slaughter because of fears over the suffering caused. P&O said last month that it planned to stop carrying live farm animals to Europe for slaughter from October unless there was an imminent prospect of improved European Union standards.

Sealink bans animals

Stena Sealink is to stop carrying live farm animals for slaughter, falling into line with Britain's other big cross-Channel ferry operators. It is understood that the company will announce an immediate ban on carrying live animals for slaughter or fattening, going further than its rivals P&O and Brittany Ferries.

day meeting. High priorities include major night-time security patrols.

Up to 60,000 people are expected to turn up at this years event.

Package

The security operation will cover three acres on land including car parks.

Detective Chief Superintendent Derek Wright, head of the Special Branch, said: "Scotland Yard have the Animal Rights National Index and they have been sending us intelligence.

"We have done a certain amount of intelligence gathering and assessment and have given a package of information to Paul Barrell."

'This is as high profile a job as they come'

'LIVERPOOL ECHO' 1.4.94

RING OF STEEL ROUND NATIONAL

- Security cordon aims to keep out activists
- Armed police will mingle with the crowds

A SECURITY cordon is to be thrown around Aintree Racecourse for this year's Grand National.

Armed police will be among the hundreds of officers ready to pounce at the first sign of trouble.

Anti-terrorist special branch officers will mingle with the racegoers.

And an Aintree "iron curtain" has been built to prevent a course invasion by animal rights activists.

The 6ft high chain-link fence runs parallel to the rails on long country sections of the course and cost more than £1m to erect.

Activists have already threatened to disrupt the 1994 National, claiming last year's

By Will Rolston

false start farce as a victory for them.

Special Branch officers have spent hundreds of hours investigating the protesters.

Ambush

All security staff hired for the races on April 7, 8, and 9 National meeting have had their police records checked.

On Grand National day itself four-wheel-drive Land Rovers and riot vans will circle the course carrying squads ready to ambush course invaders during the four-and-a-half mile steeplechase which will be watched by around one billion TV viewers.

Superintendent Paul Burrell, commander of South Sefton area, is heading the operation.

He told the ECHO: "The eyes of the world will be on us.

"This is as high profile a job as you can imagine. It is very important for Aintree Racecourse, Liverpool and Merseyside — not least Merseyside Police."

He added: "We have examined Hillsborough, the Bradford football fire and other major sports events in the planning process."

Five months intensive planning have gone into the operation. It will swing into action well before next week's three

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Animal Lib attack on lab

BY KAREN MARTIN

ANIMAL Liberation activists who have repeatedly vandalised a research laboratory have sworn to keep up their campaign until they force its closure.

The Animal Liberation Front attacked the Microbiology Laboratories in North Harrow on Saturday of last week — smashing windows, gluing the door locks and daubing the building with red paint to symbolise 'the

blood of murdered animals'.

Members also targeted the homes of two of the lab's employees in Harrow — the locations of which cannot be revealed for security reasons — covering them in red paint.

This is the third attack on the lab in recent months. In a note to the Observer the ALF stated: "The red paint signifies the blood of the animals that are murdered here every

day. More to come soon, a lot more.

"The ALF will close this lab and end the suffering of the animals here once and for all. Evil only triumphs when good people do nothing."

The note warned: "The ALF will close this lab down by any means necessary."

A spokeswoman for the laboratory this week denied that it was involved in vivisection. She had no comment

to make about the attacks.

Det Insp Graham Mann condemned the ALF action. "The incidents are being investigated and certain avenues are being pursued."

"This has happened twice before at this lab but as far as I'm concerned these people are barking up the wrong tree."

"They are going about their cause the wrong way and their actions are

pointless. Any sympathy or support people might have had for them will be lost by their actions, which are in bad taste."

A spokesman for the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection also condemned the actions of the ALF. "We are a law-abiding organisation which would never use the methods chosen by the ALF."

"Instead, we campaign to educate the public to put pressure on the legitimate authorities, such as Parliament and the European Parliament."

Vandals daub red paint on workers' homes

Cambridge firebombs

Animal rights extremists last night said they had carried out firebomb attacks in Cambridge. Over £1 million worth of damage was caused and parts of the city centre were closed. A group calling itself the Animal Liberation Militia told a local newspaper it was behind the attacks. Early yesterday morning the first floor of a branch of Boots the Chemist was gutted and the other two floors badly damaged by smoke and water. Firemen were also called to a shop that sells sheepskins, Edinburgh Woollen Mills. A partially exploded incendiary device was found at a leather shop.

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By MIKE UNDERWOOD

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He said that the Front did not use violence or threaten life.

Criminal act

Police later confirmed that they were treating the claims seriously.

Detective Inspector Graham Mann said: "It is vandalism and it is a criminal act."

Animal protesters send five bombs

ANIMAL rights extremists are believed to be responsible for parcel bomb attacks yesterday on four companies associated with the meat trade. Three people suffered minor injuries.

After the incidents in Kent, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Edinburgh, a fifth bomb was made safe at a London branch of Boots, the chemist. The attacks all occurred within two hours.

Scotland Yard said anti-terrorist officers were involved in investigations. Robin Webb, spokesman for the Animal Liberation Front, said he believed the bombings were the work of the Justice Department, the newest and most violent animal rights group, which has claimed responsibility for 32

MARY BRAID

bombs sent to laboratories, meat trade employees and hunt supporters since October. Before Christmas, the group sent 13 parcel bombs to scientists and suppliers of animals to laboratories. Two exploded and 11 were made safe.

In the first explosion yesterday a 12-inch cylindrical package blew up at Graham Gilder, a haulage firm, in Elmstone Hardwicke, near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire. A second parcel bomb was found at Peter Gilder Haulage, 16 miles away at Bourton-on-the-Water. Later, a device exploded at the headquarters of the ferry operators Stena Sealink, in Ashford, Kent. A

secretary suffered minor cuts. The companies are involved in the transportation of animals.

A man suffered injuries at the Pig Improvement Company, Fyfield Wick, near Abingdon, when a poster tube exploded, and another man received hospital treatment after a package exploded at Ross Breeders, a chicken breeding plant at Newbridge, Edinburgh.

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By DAVE PETERS

Robin Webb promised: "These are not idle threats. The west London cell is very active and very committed."

"It could send two people out in a car with a bag of marbles and a catapult and smash dozens of windows in one night, causing thousands of pounds worth of damage."

"The ALF intends to end animal abuse. It doesn't matter how many individuals are imprisoned, we will always have more. You cannot imprison an ideal."

Butcher Gerry Paine, of Paine's Frozen Meals, in Alexandra Avenue, Rayners Lane, is advising shops to take the threats seriously. Six weeks ago, one of his vehicles was burned out. The ALF this week, told the *Inform*er it was responsible for the attack.

Mr Paine said: "You can do nothing else but take their threats seriously. It is a terrible thing that so many people have been innocently affected."

"I'm just an honest trader. I sell vegetables as well as meat. Business is difficult enough without this."

The *Inform*er has passed all its information on the ALF to the police, who are investigating.

They aim to attack high street shops

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Lambs ferried

A Harwich to Boulogne ferry service carrying lambs to France begins on Saturday, the day P&O imposes its ban. The service, by MDT Holdings of Slough, will ship up to 5,000 lambs a day.

Seal sanctuary

About 2,700 acres of marshes and coastline at Blakeney Point, Norfolk, which is home to 350 grey seals and colonies of wading birds, has been made Britain's latest national nature reserve.

'THE TIMES' 17.8.94

Arkangel Comment

This is the part of the magazine where you get to have your say. We try to print everything we can - providing it is to do with Animal Liberation, and is not intended to further some other aim - political or otherwise. The articles do not necessarily represent the views of the editors.

Please remember - an article submitted on computer disk (in ASCII / Text format please) will save us a lot of typing, but we welcome your thoughts in any form (especially if they are typed with double-line spacing, or neatly hand-written)!



The Animals' Padre Writes

by the Reverend James Thompson

I love what the Animal Liberation Movement stands for. As a Christian I would be a hypocrite not to! The simple fact is that Christianity is rooted in Christ, whose birth was foretold to animal carers protecting sheep by night. He grew up to identify himself with them: "I am the good shepherd," he said. And he went on to say that such a person was prepared to lay down his very life for those cattle committed to his charge!

Indeed, when I link the above with Christ's militance as he liberated animals about to be sacrificed in the Jerusalem Temple at the commencement of his ministry, I see in him not only an animal carer but an animal liberator as well. Yes, and one prepared to transgress the laws of property in the process.

Is it any wonder that this first century radical was tried for - amongst other things - being 'a stirrer of the people'? Yes, in all reverence, if anyone deserved receiving a wooden spoon, my Lord did. So I'm not ashamed to follow his example in rocking the boat; especially when it concerns those religious leaders who go around picking out moral midges while they swallow moral camels whole, just as they did in his day!

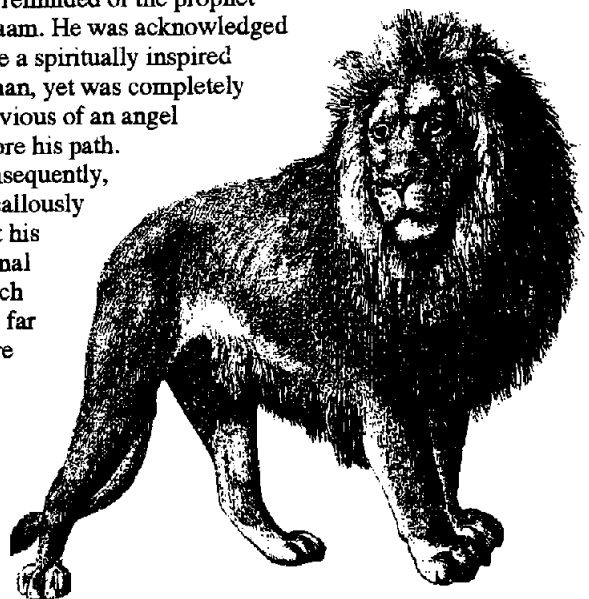
Religious leaders frequently get all indignant and heated over factors such as birth control. Yet, remarkably, they hardly blink an eye at thousands in the third world starving because of over-population and insufficient food. They are the type who denounce, with abhorrence, the use of Durex so as to lessen AIDS; and take children in parties to McDonald's to receive cooked offal which is *possibly* contaminated with BSE!

These bastions of religiosity pray that non-church attenders might see the error of their ways, but can't see any error in consuming a Sunday dinner broiler chicken following Sunday morning worship. Those of a different tradition will frequently get all emotional about the evils

of the demon drink. They, themselves, respectably enjoy - without a qualm of conscience - a glass of milk; or at least a regular cup of tea whitened with the same. They wouldn't flutter an eyelid over the fiendish process involved in procuring it!

One thing else that appeals to me as most apt is the title of this outspoken journal: Arkangel. Indeed, the first part of the word remind's me of God's Ark of salvation. Apart from Noah, his wife, three sons and their wives, it was filled with chosen animals for their salvation. Indeed, how ever we choose to interpret the story, the moral is plain: God chose to save more animals than their human counterparts. Indeed, the latter parasites (human beings) he created last of all. Yet they have the audacity and arrogance to consider themselves the first!

Whenever I think of the word 'Angel', I'm reminded of the prophet Balaam. He was acknowledged to be a spiritually inspired human, yet was completely oblivious of an angel before his path. Consequently, he callously beat his animal which was far more



righteous and spiritually perceptive than himself; God rewarding it with speech.

However, this journal's title - to be exact - is not two words, but one: 'Arkangel'; and I only know that in the Bible the similar word 'Archangel' refers to Michael whose task was to lead all the spiritual forces of good against the very core of evil, and to overcome it. Indeed, if that is not the noble warfare pursued by the great Animal Liberation Movement then I fail to know what is. The Church of which I'm a priest certainly does not fight this spiritual warfare. It does say: "Let us pray for the church militant here on Earth"! And it does sing: "Fight the good fight." But it does these things while it blesses pharmaceutical empires of corruption along with the nation's biggest health scourge - the National Health Service - which, most immoral, - we've been compelled to finance over the years.

The Animal Liberation Front is infinitely nearer Christ than church leaders who: oppose animals entering their buildings, pour scorn on those who pray for them, and condone religious festivities where live animals are cast out of towers!

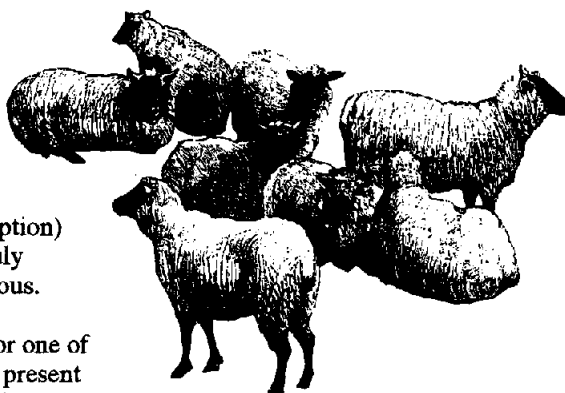
Leading bishops in the House of Lords who get all agitated over the whys or wherefores of women as priestesses, are unconcerned about the grotesque mistreatment of animals. Yet these blind leaders of the blind go around parading shepherds crooks! They are certainly NOT shepherds; but that they ARE crooks (of

deception)
is truly
obvious.

As for one of their present Anglican archbishops, he was, for five years, a practising vivisector! As for one of the present Roman archbishops (Alfredo Battisti of Italy), he hit headlines in January 1989 when he affirmed: "To beat up a dog or leave it to die of starvation is not a sin. For a dog is not a person and therefore has no soul. So no sin is committed."

*For further reading,
the Reverend James Thompson's book:
'CAST OUT OF THE ARK - Christendom's
appalling abuse of God's animal creation',
is available.*

*It has 96 pages and 15 illustrations. (ISBN:
0952302209). Price £4.50 (plus 50p p&p if direct
from: Ty Coch, Fron Park Road, Holywell, Clwyd,
North Wales).*



Leyden Street Slaughterhouse - the Fight Continues

by Mark Simmonds

My first contact with Leyden Street chicken slaughterhouse, East London, was at a demonstration in 1984.

Poultry, mainly ex-battery hens which had outlived their use as egg layers, have their throats cut whilst fully conscious and are then placed in a tub of boiling water to loosen their feathers. These birds often spend several days crammed up to 12 in a crate awaiting slaughter, many dying of thirst, shock or suffocation. An ex-worker said that many chickens, having survived their throats being cut, are thrown into boiling water whilst still alive. The smell of death outside the slaughterhouse is almost unbearable.

Slaughterhouse workers have carried out physical attacks on demonstrators over the years. A female BUAV worker who attended the demo's in the early days was attacked with an iron bar and several other protesters have been threatened with knives. Mr. Cole, the owner, took out 14 injunctions against named individuals who, when they continued to protest, were arrested. These arrests, the assaults and the dwindling numbers attending the weekly Sunday demo's led to a short period when no protests took place. In 1985 there was the last of the mass demonstrations against the slaughterhouse organised by

the group Anarchists for Animals when early one Sunday morning 40 people turned up. However, several vans of police soon arrived and informed everyone that unless they dispersed they would be arrested.

Between 1985 and 1992, few protests took place outside the slaughterhouse, and the building, previously a wooden structure, had been replaced by a brick one. At a London animal rights meeting in March 1992 it was decided that a new campaign would be launched using entirely legal methods. Meanwhile, direct action against the building took place including slogans painted on the walls and red paint thrown over the entrance.

The first demonstration was held on Sunday, 15th March 1992. Banners were provided but ended up spending the day under a hedge in a nearby park whilst some activists rushed into the slaughterhouse and despite a heavy police presence, four chickens were rescued. A large amount of money that was on the counter at the time was sent flying. Three people were arrested but were later released without charge.

Regular demonstrations were now being held, and on Sunday 5th April, animal rights activists were greeted by a new security door, a bodyguard for Mr. Cole and a video

camera. However, these measures did not prevent a night-time raid on Easter Sunday when 77 chickens were rescued along with a tin of money which was used to help feed the birds in their new homes!

On 4th October 1992, a national demonstration took place and nearly 100 people turned up. This time, the police had erected metal barriers. A noisy protest ensued. In February 1993, another raid took place and this time 150 chickens were rescued and were all placed in good homes. Anger against the slaughterhouse erupted once again in August 1993 when protesters rushed in and, despite being attacked by slaughtermen, two quail and ten chickens were rescued. Horrific photos of the inside of the building were also taken. However, a woman protester was hit over the head with a stick, and another was beaten about the head and body by a live chicken held by its legs by one of the workers. A number of other people were also assaulted. Saddest of all was the death of one chicken whose head was pulled off by a slaughterman whilst in the arms of its rescuer.

On January 9th 1994, the building witnessed another display of people's anger when the phone lines were cut and paint and other nasty substances were thrown into the building. One slaughterman who looked outside to see what all the fuss was about ended up being covered in white paint!

The last known raid took place in May 1994 when 58 chickens were rescued; and another national demonstration took place on April 24th. With only three police present, demonstrators managed to surround the building for several hours. Eventually, police reinforcements arrived and the slaughtermen had to leave under police escort. On 7th August, after a noisy demo had taken place an animal rights campaigner had a beer can thrown at her and another was assaulted.

The last demo to be held at the slaughterhouse (at the time of writing) took place on Sunday 21st August when about 20 demonstrators staged a very noisy protest and attempted to encourage those queuing up for their freshly murdered chickens to think twice.

The campaign against Leyden Street slaughterhouse will continue and apart from the events mentioned, smaller actions are happening all the time. There are the regular demo's on the first and third Sunday of every month. Meet at the main exit of Liverpool Street BR station at 10.45-11am or at the slaughterhouse between 11.30am and 2.30pm. Leyden Street slaughterhouse can and will be closed down but we need your support.

(See also entry under 'National Groups' elsewhere in the magazine.)



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We received several contributions regarding April '94's World Day March in London. Accusations and counter-accusations about the march and the events surrounding it have been rife, and NAVS themselves published a seven page statement in response to the criticisms. Arkangel was named in the NAVS statement and so we feel it appropriate to add our own editorial comment at the end of this section.

World Day #1

(and another reply to Zol!)

by Dave Plews

I write concerning the recent anti-vivisection march in London, organised by the NAVS. I was unable to attend the march this year so instead I made a point of watching as many news broadcasts as possible. I also listened to the LBC afternoon news on the day of the march, and the next day I bought the Observer and the Sunday Express.

The net result of all this media-watching was NOTHING! Not one single report on what was probably the biggest animal rights march ever (although due to lack of info I can only speculate).

Now surely the whole point of the march is to get publicity and to help open people's eyes to what the vivisectionists are up to. From what I've seen the march was a failure in that main objective.

The fact that the media can choose to totally ignore such an important event is worrying, to say the least, though to be honest I expected no more of them.

It would be easy to get depressed about it, but really we ought to feel positive that about 30,000 people (last year's figure) feel so strongly about the right of animals NOT to be tortured by white-coated, uncaring, selfish bastards. The fact that our media are more concerned with Princess Margaret buying a new handbag, or similar crap, is something that will have to be overcome.

All the time, people are becoming more and more aware of animal abuse, and the number of those squarely opposed to it is rapidly growing. The day is drawing nearer when there will be too many veggies, vegans, anti-vivisectionists, etc. for the media to turn the other way. To get an idea of the speed of progress remember that ten years ago only about 3% of the population were vegetarians - now it's over 7%! Veganism, the only diet which recognises the rights of ALL animals, is also on the increase. People are getting to understand that adopting an animal rights stance doesn't mean giving up anything - it means taking up a lifestyle that doesn't rely on the exploitation, suffering and death of others.

It's vital that animal rights remains an issue that is always being highlighted one way or another. The media isn't altogether useless to us; local papers in particular are a good way to get the point across. My local paper printed

an interview with ALF activists, and I was amazed at how open-minded the editorial line seemed to be.

If we all keep doing what we can animals WILL be allowed the freedoms to which we all know they're entitled.

Also, couldn't there be a bit less back-stabbing within the movement? I KNOW that when the BUAV slag off the ALF AND use their photographs it's a pain in the arse, but if we attack each other we're wasting energy which should be used to make animal liberation a reality.

Finally, I would like to make a few comments on the letter by Zol in No. 11. The point I'd like to make is simply that the basis of our movement is the acceptance of the fact that animals DO have rights. The ultimate right is the right to LIFE. Avoiding meat is great, but what of the rights of the fish you occasionally eat? Do they count for less because they don't look as cute as cows? And what about the rights of one day old chicks, crushed or gassed by 'cruelty-free' free-range egg farmers, because they were born the wrong sex? What about the rights of the two year old hen, slaughtered because she no longer lays enough eggs? What about the rights of a four year old dairy cow, killed because she's not cost effective any more? And what of her calves, dragged from their mother at a few days of age to either become part of the same cruel system or to be sent to French or Dutch veal crates?

Don't get me wrong, what you've done so far is great - I am not judging you. I just want you to realise that only by refusing to consume ALL animal products can you be sure of not encouraging the suffering and death of innocent animals. As a vegan, I can assure you that giving up all animal products is easy, it only takes a little commitment. Get in touch with the Vegan Society and give it a go - you won't be sorry you did. Remember those in the world who are dying for want of a bowl of rice, and you'll think nothing of not eating dairy produce.

PS. Can Arkangel explain precisely how I go about sending stuff in on a computer disk?

PPS. Have Animal Aid done something awful? I noticed they weren't in the National Groups listing in Issue 11.

(Ed.) This is the first time we've been asked direct questions in an article!

To answer your first query: Although Arkangel is produced on an Amiga-based system, we can take text from any disk, in any format, and from any computer made within about the last ten years (except those Amstrad PCW things!). HOWEVER, it helps if your text is saved in plain ASCII (or text) format on a low density disk (i.e. not HD) - but if all that sounds foreign, just save your typing in your

usual way and send the disk! Incidentally, we can also scan text into the computer straight from a typed page, BUT, the print quality MUST be good, with clear, dark type.

Next question: You're right about Animal Aid, and we forgot to include them in Issue 10 too! Sorry Animal Aid. If you check Issue 9 you'll find that we gave them a good amount of space, publicising their activities and promoting the LWC exhibitions. Strangely, Mark Gold responded by calling Arkangel "...a nasty little magazine.." and banning its sale on stalls at the Kensington LWC. We are more than a little puzzled by this antagonism, but we'll take the opportunity once again to invite contributions from Mark or anyone else at Animal Aid!

World Day #2

(A Day to Remember!)

by Anon.

Although I have suspected it for some time, the World Day for Laboratory animals in London in April proved, at least for me, that Britain is a totalitarian police state. Short of actually banning the march, the police completely suppressed it.

Directed around comparatively empty 'back streets', we were led away from areas where we would have been able to confront the perpetrators of animal cruelty. Piccadilly (the route of last year's march) was clearly the point which the police had identified as being most vulnerable and, consequently, it was blocked by ten riot vans, eight mounted officers and in excess of sixty infantry. For those who did not notice, the side streets at the junction to Piccadilly were full of additional riot vans, laden with officers ready to move in at the slightest whiff of discontent.

The march was followed on either side by an almost continual line of police officers and there was not one stretch of the route which was not covered by a high-powered video camera, nestled on the roof of some high-rise building. Then, of course, there was the police helicopter, another instrument of oppression, aiding the creation of an atmosphere which prevented most protesters from showing anywhere near their real anger at Boots and other such establishments.

Then there was the first sit-down. Started some moments before I joined it, the action was clearly already exciting the police officers in the area, who were busy looking important on CB radios and gearing themselves up for an afternoon of riot. Disappointingly for them, these protesters were peaceful and there was, consequently, no opportunity for making arrests.

After some minutes, a number of protesters began to block

off part of the road through which other marchers were filing. I was one of the first two to take this action, believing that the march should, indeed, stop for some moments in order for our true anger at Boots to be made clear. This was, of course, the excuse the police had been looking for and, at last, came their opportunity to make some arrests. Although I am not in a position to represent the views of others who blocked the remaining section of road, I, for one, had not intended to remain outside Boots on Bressenden Place for much longer. Some moments later all those taking part in the sit-down rose and began to move off following the route of the march.

As soon as I was standing the police grabbed hold of me and pulled me back away from the rest of the crowd. Between thirty and forty officers had formed a line between myself, the other protester who was arrested with me, and everyone else who had been seated. I shouted to try to draw attention to what was happening but it was too late. The line of police between us and the rest of the crowd would have been impenetrable.

Away from the other protesters, the police began to air their opinions about animal rights advocates, both verbally and physically. Almost breaking my arms, I heard one officer say: "You're not so loud away from the crowd, are you, you f...ing animal rights scum". Soon, other officers were joining in: "You're f...ing gonna get it down at the station, you little c...t". "You and your sort never learn do you, you little bastard. You're gonna f...ing regret coming today, you animal rights shit".

This continued for some time as they maintained the grip on my arms. I urged them to relax the position a little, trying to make it clear that I was not resisting arrest. Yet this seemed to make them pull my arms further up my back, so much so that I felt close to blacking out with the pain. By this stage I felt utterly scared - unsure of how they would treat me in a cell if they were treating me like this in a public street. I have been arrested and detained for numerous offences before, but never had I been treated like this. As the van pulled away towards Charing Cross police station I felt sure that things were going to get pretty rough and so I began to psychologically prepare myself for the worst.

However, the officers soon began to tone down their attitudes and I was surprised to hear them begin an approach which is so often talked about within the animal rights movement it is surprising the police still use it. Looking at me in a fatherly way, one officer began: "What's a lad like you doing mixed up with all this? There are some nasty characters involved in this business you know." As if this was not text-book enough, then followed: "Have you come far today?" and "What group are you from?" The standard: "We really believe in what you are fighting for here" was also used several times - so beware, the police still use this clumsy technique to try and catch out the off-guard activist.

By the time we arrived at the police station the atmosphere had changed considerably from the start and, although I still felt nervous, did not believe I was in for the beating I had originally been threatened with. I was released three-and-a-half hours later, having learnt that

"no further action would be taken".

My experience has irreparably damaged my views on the British police force. I have only been involved in animal and environmental campaigning for a little over two years and, in this short time, all of my naive illusions about the British State have been shattered. Gone are the days when I thought that the British bobby was a decent chap whom one could ask the time of day.

Although on the scale of things my experiences were really not that severe, I found them particularly shocking because the worst parts had taken place in public. In fact, I even recall one woman smiling at me as she walked past. Moreover, this was a NAVS march, a respectable, liberal, middle-class organisation which denounces illegal animal rights activity. To have been treated in this way on such a march is clearly a sign that the state has branded anyone who campaigns under the animal rights/liberation banner as radical and criminal. How long will it be before families who attend such marches are treated in the way that I was?

When I first became involved in animal rights campaigning, I was very much against incorporating the police as another enemy. Now my view is different. My message to those involved in this struggle for animal liberation and who have not yet identified the police as being as intrinsically involved in animal cruelty as the vivisectors themselves is this: the police are our enemy. For although the police do not themselves partake directly in animal cruelty (at least, not on the scale of vivisectors, hunters, etc.) they are the protectors of those who do, and, consequently, they must be opposed as vigorously as the animal abusers themselves. In addition, the police force is comprised of individuals who have totally accepted the way society is run and structured. Therefore they react against, often violently, anyone who challenges the system they have accepted. Also, because of their fear of social and political change, they will do as much as they can to intimidate, demoralise and undermine the values of those who rise in opposition. The police, whose job it is to protect the fixed order of society are as guilty as those who vivisect, as guilty as those who destroy our countryside to build roads, and should, therefore, be considered the enemy of social and political change.

Of course, as we become an increasing threat (as is so often mentioned in this magazine) the more the state, with the police, and in turn, the army, will react against us. Increased suppression, such as the removal of our right to take to the streets, the removal of our right to object to and disrupt hunts, increased police violence, longer prison sentences for activists, etc., is a sign that real change is afoot.

As this suppression intensifies, as the state begins to try to repress and restrain us, we must not feel defeated. Instead, we must feel victorious because it will be a sure sign that those who hold power and those who exploit are on the defensive. Simultaneously however, we must be united. My last major concern about the World Day for Laboratory Animals is the way NAVS organised it. Not only did they refuse to allow a number of groups to take part in their exhibition or to speak at a rally after the march, they were also openly critical of those who chose

to sit down outside Boots. In addition, they had clearly been persuaded by the police to route the march around a few back streets, exhibiting no surprise when the march took the route it did and giving other marchers no chance to voice their dissent at the new route.

In short, their actions can only be described as divisive and 'counter-revolutionary'. Large organisations such as NAVS offer thousands of individuals the chance to pay £20 a year, attend an annual march and have their consciences cured. In this way, impetus for meaningful activity is hugely diminished. Real change will only be achieved if the structure of society is fundamentally reorganised. The fight for animal liberation will not be won by making small cosmetic alterations to society as it exists. Actions by organisations such as the ALF are of the utmost importance as they represent real change and a real threat to the animal abusers. We will not win the fight if we concede to what is seen by 'society' as 'legitimate' means of protest, or if we compromise our aims to gain support or to appease the mass media.

In reality, the march did not attract nearly enough protesters to have made it massively significant. There were not more than about 15,000 people. What we need is 600,000, then if we decide to occupy a Boots store - we will!

As we approach the end of the century, we are witnessing the severest crackdown on our movement to date. Michael Howard, if successful in passing his Criminal Justice Bill, will make many forms of protest illegal - not just hunt sabotage - taking us further down the road to a police state. The time for unity within our movement has come. When we stand united we are powerful. Alone and isolated we will be picked off and oppressed. We must stand together, powerful and uncompromising, for revolution - when it comes - must be absolute or it will be worthless.

World Day #3

(An Open Letter to Jan)

by Cambridge University Animal Rights Group

Dear Jan Creamer,

About thirty people from Cambridge attended the World Day march on 23rd April, including ten from this group. We are writing to express our anger and, we believe, that of very many people in the animal rights movement at the poor organisation of the march and the sabotage of the alternative fair.

The fact that NAVS do not allow the ALF SG or similar groups into the Animal World show, or even allow the groups there to distribute pro-ALF literature, has always been a matter of great annoyance, but this has been mitigated by the existence of the local groups fair, which

is always the best part of the day - far better than the anodyne official event. That you saw fit to spend precious funds 'gazumping' the alternative fair is an outrage - groups like our own could have achieved a great deal with just a fraction of what you spent to ensure that the rooms were left empty. We find it very difficult to obtain sufficient money for all the things we want to do; seeing organisations throwing money away is exasperating and very demoralising. This group will not be participating in NAVS collections and other fund-raising efforts in the future if it is going to be wasted in this way.

Furthermore, the organisation of the rest of the event was appalling. Having speeches indoors instead of an open-air rally left people with nothing to do, so they drifted away meaning an anti-climatic end to the march. Also, some Cambridge people stayed around for the advertised vigil, but found that they were the only people there and the NAVS staff who they telephoned had no idea what, if anything, was supposed to be happening that night.

It is, perhaps, too much to expect you to openly support the Animal Liberation Front, and you have every right to your opinions. However, denying them the right to any voice is anti-democratic and plainly unfair. Most local groups support both national organisations such as NAVS as well as the ALF, so the very base of the animal rights movement is alienated by your factionalism. If local activists are put off then the whole movement will disintegrate as there will be no-one to demonstrate or campaign.

It is very hypocritical for you to happily use stolen documents and photographs obtained by the ALF but at the same time ignore their very existence. You try to marginalise them by calling them a handful of violent extremists - but, as I'm sure you know, the ALF has widespread support from the grassroots movement and does not advocate the endangering of human or animal life.

This group and the town group, Animal Rights Cambridge, decided to support the NAVS march rather than the SEARC demo in Brighton for a number of reasons:

We felt it was important to show and encourage unity in the movement by supporting the big event of the day.

World Day is an enjoyable occasion (particularly, as we have said, the alternative fair.)

All groups are represented there - people with varying degrees of involvement in the movement - making it an important opportunity to inform and learn about the whole animal rights movement.

Many of us now feel that we made the wrong decision, and that in the future supporting protests organised by local groups will be far more productive.

Everyone in the movement must be prepared to pull together; animal liberation will not be achieved through petty in-fighting.

World Day #4

(Arkangel's Editorial Comment!)

One thing that many people seem unable to grasp is the idea that Arkangel can claim to have as a prime objective the unification of the animal rights movement, while at the same time carrying articles, like those above, which contain criticism of sections of the movement.

It shouldn't be that difficult. While roughly half the magazine is devoted to providing information, the rest is written by grass-roots activists who take the trouble to put pen to paper (or finger to keyboard) and have their say. We do not include articles on the grounds that we agree with them. (In fact, the hardest part of our job is spending two hours typing up something we think is a load of bullshit!) Our criteria for running an article are things like: Is it relevant? Is it interesting? Is it well-argued? Is it original? Will it be of use to the movement? (That's the theory anyway.) When WE want to express a view we put it in an editorial section like this.

Which brings us to the NAVS statement. At the top of page two the statement reads: "Over the last few years, almost every single issue of certain publications has criticised us unjustly. Prior to the 1994 march, ARC News, the ALF SG and Arkangel all ran articles criticising the NAVS and working up their hate campaign against us. Their attacks on the NAVS run to many pages..."

We were staggered! What rubbish! What articles are they referring to? Arkangel 11 appeared a week or two before the march - there was no criticism of NAVS at all, but we did promote World Day in the Groups section and encourage people to support the event. In Arkangel 10, Robin Webb responded to a previous NAVS criticism of the ALF - but in an extremely courteous way! In the same issue, an article by David Lane defended NAVS and others from attacks by CIVIS and Suppress. Arkangels 9, 8, 7 (there wasn't a 6)? No, we can't find any evidence of attacks on NAVS there either! What about going back nearly four years to issues 1 to 5? Sorry, they were before our time - they'll have to go unchecked!

Come on NAVS! What hate campaign? There isn't one, and there never has been as far as we're concerned. Of course you'll find the odd criticism of 'The Nationals' in Arkangel - an unfortunate term perhaps, and maybe you don't like being lumped in with some of the others - but isn't that exactly what you're doing to Arkangel? We're just a bunch of people who care about the plight of animals, and we're just like you really. We're all vegans, we are active in all sorts of AR groups, both local and national, and we get involved in a whole variety of AR causes and campaigns.

You're not the first to associate Arkangel with the ALF SG or the ALF Press Office - Animal Aid make the same mistake! Yes, we include a report from Robin Webb as a regular feature, but that's because he contributes them and



our readers like to read them. And yes, the press-cuttings are mostly about ALF actions, but that's because most press-cuttings are about ALF actions! Newspapers carry reports about murders, but their editors probably don't go around killing people. We'll say it again; Arkangel is entirely independent of any other organisation.

We wonder if this misunderstanding stems from the fact that so few AR magazines publish any form of feedback or contribution from their readers or members? We suppose that someone who produces a magazine which consists solely of editorial matter might find it difficult to imagine printing something they actually disagree with!

Let's get back to the NAVS statement...

It is quite clear from the tone of the statement that the writer was extremely upset at the time, after all, no-one likes having their work attacked (least of all us), but if you are going to issue a very lengthy statement you must at least do it in a calm and rational manner. You must be certain of your facts, and you must not lay yourself wide open to charges of hypocrisy - that just makes things worse.

We'll deal with an example which seems to be aimed squarely at Arkangel; other organisations can look after themselves!

A substantial part of the NAVS statement is devoted to criticism of groups and people who sell magazines and T-shirts both in Hyde Park and during the march. We quote: "... many people and organisations benefit from what we do, for nothing; no contribution in effort, nor money, nor support." Also: "... the World Day march has been used simply as a means of making money rather than supporting the cause. This has been openly stated in the newsletters of the organisations who are complaining about us." It is also claimed that some marchers complain about too many people selling things!

We are obviously one of the main culprits and we make no pretence that the World Day march is extremely important to us. From our mobile shop (pram) we normally sell several hundred Arkangel magazines and a lot of T-shirts. The painfully obvious fact is that people buy our stuff because they want to. "No contribution in effort, nor money, nor support"? Effort? Count the number of words in Arkangel, then estimate how long it would take YOU to type them on an Amiga using two fingers! Support? Do you mean support for the cause or support for NAVS? Aren't they the same thing? Money? Every single penny we take goes to fund Arkangel magazine and to pay for Arkangel merchandise such as T-shirts. After our travelling expenses to London we end up out of pocket! By far the major part of the equipment we use to produce the magazine, we have bought ourselves - contrast that with organisations who seem to need thousands of pounds of fund-raisers' money to buy the latest computer equipment. (Nothing personal!)

We mentioned hypocrisy, and we'll end on that point. Again we quote from the NAVS statement: "ARC and others also set up stalls selling things at Hyde Park, knowing that this is against the rules and that we could be

banned from using Hyde Park."

Well, there we were, mingling with the crowds, clutching our armfuls of Arkangels, shouting, "Arkangel Magazine - THE Animal Rights Magazine!" and who should we bump into coming the other way? No names, but we'll give you a clue...

He was shouting, "Turning Point Magazine - THE Animal Rights Magazine!" And guess what? That person happens to be not only the editor of that marvellous publication, but the very same person is also a most senior NAVS official - some might say number two in the NAVS hierarchy!

Animal Rights Prisoners

Arkangel gives its full support to animal liberation prisoners. In the past we have given details of names, locations and prison numbers. Now we only list the names of those in prison and ask those who wish to make contact with prisoners to contact the ALF Supporters Group for up-to-date information. This is because Arkangel is produced less frequently than the ALFSG information and could be out of date by the time you read it; so this change is for purely practical reasons.

For further information please write to the ALFSG, BCM 11bD, London, WC1N 3XX.

Prisoners at the time of going to press:

Gurjeet Aujla HV2047
David Barbarash
Angie Hamp TW1b87
Terry Helsby EF07b1
Keith Mann EE3588
Allison McKeon RE237D
Annette Tibbles TT2215
Darren Thurston
Max Watson BJ2477.

No matter what race, sex, or species...

by David Olivier

Many in France and elsewhere were dismayed to read in Arkangel 11 a heavy attack from the Parisian group AIDA against the animal liberationists such as me who produce or feel close to the anti-speciesist journal *Les Cahiers antispécistes lyonnais*.

After several years of work aimed at putting animal liberation onto the political and cultural agenda here, we have succeeded in at least putting it on the agenda of the French radical left. This of course is not enough, so we don't plan to stop at it; and I suspect that the main thrust behind the AIDA attack comes precisely from the interests of the right and the extreme right in protecting what they see as their proprietary domain against our intrusion. In France the management of "animal welfare" has always been left up to the paternalistic right, who don't appreciate the threat of a radical liberationist outlook lessening their hold on this very profitable theme.

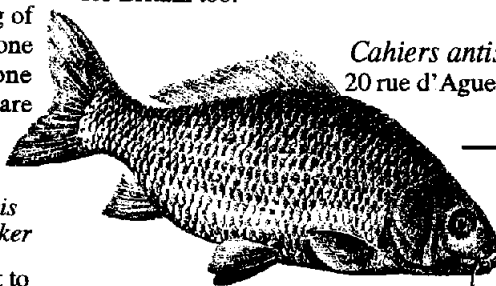
Anyway, whatever the motivation behind AIDA's attack may be, there is a real political debate at stake. We believe that however sincere some racists and fascists may sometimes be in their commitment against the suffering of non-human animals, it is a matter of simple logic that one cannot be, in a full sense, an animal liberationist if one doesn't believe that all animals, including all humans, are

equal. Whatever priorities one may choose to have in practice for tactical reasons, if one doesn't feel at least *concerned* by the plight of all suffering and oppressed sentient beings, no matter what species, race, sex, etc., then something is obviously deeply wrong. And I don't see how one can expect to change the public's outlook towards non-human animals without putting forth an at least plausibly consistent alternative outlook.

The positive aspect of AIDA's attack is that it has made clear the essential differences between their path and ours. True, we believe that the Front National is not our natural ally - we prefer to work with people who care for others and who try to be at least a bit rational about it. True, we don't single out ritual slaughter as a key issue. True, we believe that the point should be to defend sentient *individuals* and not, as e.g. the green ideology would have it, endangered species or rare plants, or "systems" such as "biotic communities." True, we care less about the milligrammatic purity of our own personal veganism than about trying to change the world.

I will not respond in detail to the often absurd, petty, and/or plainly untrue points AIDA makes in its Arkangel article. We already wrote an extensive answer to their political position in the January 1994 issue of the *Cahiers antispécistes lyonnais*. Those who are interested can ask us for a copy of that issue (include £2 if possible) or for a photocopy of the article (free). The text is in French; if someone would want to translate it into English, we would be delighted, because we believe the debate is important for Britain too.

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(Are we) the voice of the voiceless?

By
Chris
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Every animal is a beautiful individual with its own right to live in freedom. Animal liberation seeks the release of animals from human bondage, this includes the end to the pet industry, and the keeping of animals in captivity for our own pleasure, and not for the benefit of the animals concerned.

To keep any animal (which can be released into a natural environment) in captivity is no more than imprisonment; of course, it is obvious that many captive and domestic animals can never be released into an environment free from human supervision. Where they can be released, they are (e.g. Paignton Zoo raided by the ALF).

So how far do we extend our compassion to other living creatures? Obviously we all have our own standards. When I was in prison I decided it was cruel for some of the other inmates to keep goldfish in pickle jars. I voiced my views and the fish were removed by the prison officers to a large tank. Of course this was not an ideal situation, I had hoped the fish would have been handed over to animal rights campaigners who could have placed the fish in an outdoor pond where, in this country, goldfish can survive throughout the year. This suggestion was refused.

Keeping a goldfish in a tank is no different from keeping a dolphin in a dolphinarium, or animals in zoos, and no-one has the right to deny ANY animal its freedom. Some people say that it is a 'personal' matter, why is it a personal matter when one person keeps an animal in confinement, but not with others? Try explaining that to the poor fish stuck alone in the tank. When we see animals being ill-treated we have NO right not to speak out. It is our duty to speak up for the voiceless. On behalf of those who are voiceless, please never turn a blind eye to those who deserve our help, even if that means speaking out against those who 'claim' to be on the animals side.

I will end with part of a speech spoken at a national march against vivisection by a well known animal rights campaigner... "We are not asking for better conditions for laboratory animals, we are not even asking for bigger cages for our imprisoned non-human brothers and sisters. We want an end to all animal experiments and the release of all our brothers and sisters who are imprisoned. Until then the war continues." Surely this should also apply to a goldfish?

Missing the Point - Again!

by Jacqueline Shortland

In response to Arkangel No. 11, the article MISSING THE POINT truly does just that. On many occasions vivisectionists have publicly proclaimed that if vivisection was abolished in this country they would simply go to another where laws are more lax, or non-existent: drug companies are already firmly entrenched in several countries and, unless we can show people all over the world that vivisection is an absurd, useless, irrelevant and potentially dangerous criteria for humanity, then we will simply be moving the goalposts to the ultimate detriment of ALL animals' welfare. Is this what David Phillips really wants?

We have more than enough irrefutable evidence to show the real reasons why it exists, often from the mouths of vivisectionists themselves, and all those who fail to use this information in conjunction with its cruelties not only fail the animals but also may have other - more personal - reasons for not doing so. Alarmingly, such individuals and groups are not decreasing and one cannot put it all down to apathy or the inability to see beyond their own noses.

I thought many remarks made by David Phillips were naive - dreaming of "large active movements of opposition", when the majority of people already eat animals and many would consider an animal organ transplant: others condone or demand that vivisection continues simply because they believe that it works. But the animal model means protection for the vivisectionists which is why they will fight tooth and nail to keep their lucrative empires. Taking into account an 'individual harassment' approach, how many years and how much effort will it take to get around to them all?

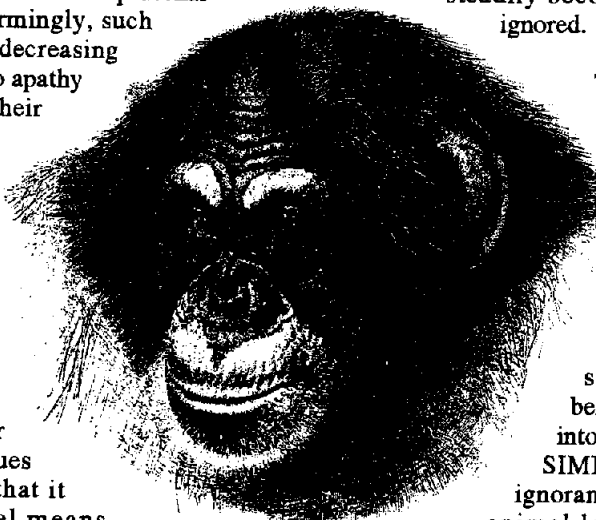
The writer also assumes, quite wrongly, that the MORI Poll figures of 48% opposed are against it solely for moral reasons, but how long is it since he actually 'talked' to people on the street who are often quite well informed, especially about the dangers of basing prescription drugs on animal tests.

Alongside the exposés and hostile actions, to which some of the public may have become inured/alienated, there has been a formidable worldwide team also exposing loud and clear the inherent dangers to people based on species differences - which are considerable - together with the vested interests of an amazing collection of companies, societies and individuals who profit from it. Consultancy fees for MP's from drug companies, Watchdog Committees set up to protect us with 'interests' in those very companies they monitor, millions of drug company

shares allocated specifically to GP's (which I find shocking) not to mention their other perks for promoting vaccines, specific drugs, etc., and veterinarians who breed animals for research. Didn't Richard Body MP admit in 1972 that "sitting in the Upper House are practising vivisectionists"?

These are also areas where pressure MUST be brought to bear. Unfortunately many people who could, and should (like Mr. Singer), don't. But he is not alone.

In the past ten years there have been radical changes, even monumental ones, in the status quo, especially in legislation: students now have choice, the seeds of doubt sown on the front page of the New York Times, no less, not because it is a cruel system but because its flaws are steadily becoming apparent and cannot be ignored.



The next few years could see the making (or the breaking) of our movement: at least we know the States and the UK have set their power machine in motion to achieve the latter, and booklets promoting vivisection are now appearing in doctors' surgeries nationwide and, like the KGB system, those puppets stashed behind the scenes are now coming into play, with new recruits like the SIMR's vulnerable, but pathetically ignorant and brainwashed founder (an animal lover to boot), spreading his particularly nauseating kind of propaganda.

But how well prepared are we to do his kind of battle?

If we truly oppose this savagery called vivisection is it too much to ask that we be well informed ourselves? Is it really enough to highlight its cruelty leaving people faced with a mythical 'dilemma'? How many leaflets on YOUR stall condemn vivisection because it also is instrumental in killing people, including children? Now, for some people that would be a much more personal reason to get it abolished, forever.

I hope I have managed in some way to address David Phillips' doubts. I agree the time for reasonableness is over and understand that for some intimidation may be the order of the day.

But there is a third way: expose all those who profit from it directly and indirectly, even in our midst, whilst highlighting its dangers to humanity AND the resulting suffering of animals. People make new laws possible - not the power structure.

A CIVIS Supporter Slams the Nationals

By L. King

The difference between Hans Ruesch's CIVIS and the likes of BUAV, NAVS and Animal Aid that David Lane appears to find so hard to discern is the glaring fact that whereas CIVIS has as its foundation TOTAL ABOLITION OF ALL VIVISECTION NOW! and has consistently held that NO animal experiment has ever benefited a human, mainstream groups like the BUAV who undoubtedly began with honourable intentions have over the years degenerated into half-hearted, cosy, fat cat societies who pay out almost as much in staff salaries, prime site offices and trivial expenditures as they do on campaigning. Even worse, large amounts of what the public donate to them in good faith languishes in society accounts, accruing interest rather than helping animals.

Most disturbing of all however, must surely be the moving goalposts factor of these societies' aims and principles, especially in recent years. When they were small and relatively unknown to the public at large, it seemed they considered it 'safe' to be more forceful on the abolition front for example. As soon as they began growing by leaps and bounds financially and in terms of size and influence in the 70's however (thanks in no small part to the publicity generated by ALF actions), the slow but systematic dilution of their TOTAL ABOLITION NOW! stance began. Specific animal experiments started to be singled out as 'unnecessary' and 'obscene', thereby implying by critical omission that others were not and were valid. The new policy became NOT today but tomorrow, next week, next month, next year - hell, we'll have vivisection abolished by the year 2000, promise! Lastly, the public were told fairy tales about these things called 'alternatives' to animal research (conveniently buying even more borrowed time for the vivisectionists while these Emperors' new clothes weren't being sought), when as any anti-

vivisectionist worthy of the name knows - you can't replace any erroneous 'science'. There's nothing to replace, unless you wish to concoct another mockery of the term 'science' equally as illogical and futile to all concerned.

Peculiar behaviour I'm sure you'll agree, from societies that David Lane assures us are NOT vivisection-infiltrated, since all these inconsistencies help the vivisection establishments' continued existence immensely, as of course did these societies' feeble, almost token, protests in the face of the animal-devastating Scientific Procedures Act 1986 which significantly reduced what few rights laboratory animals had and gave the vivisection establishment greater powers to abuse animals in the UK than they'd ever had. And no, I do not take Hans Ruesch's word alone for all this, and much more, dubious conduct in our A-V societies. I have actually made my own investigations (particularly into BUAV) to the extent that I am sadly satisfied, that my suspicions are not without strong grounds. Only last week I received yet another fob-off in answer to some pertinent questions I had posed to NAVS. Jan Creamer replied that she was glad to see I'd read their literature, then referred me back to their literature for the answers to my queries! So either I must conclude that the frontwoman of NAVS is two sandwiches short of a picnic or they have something to hide.

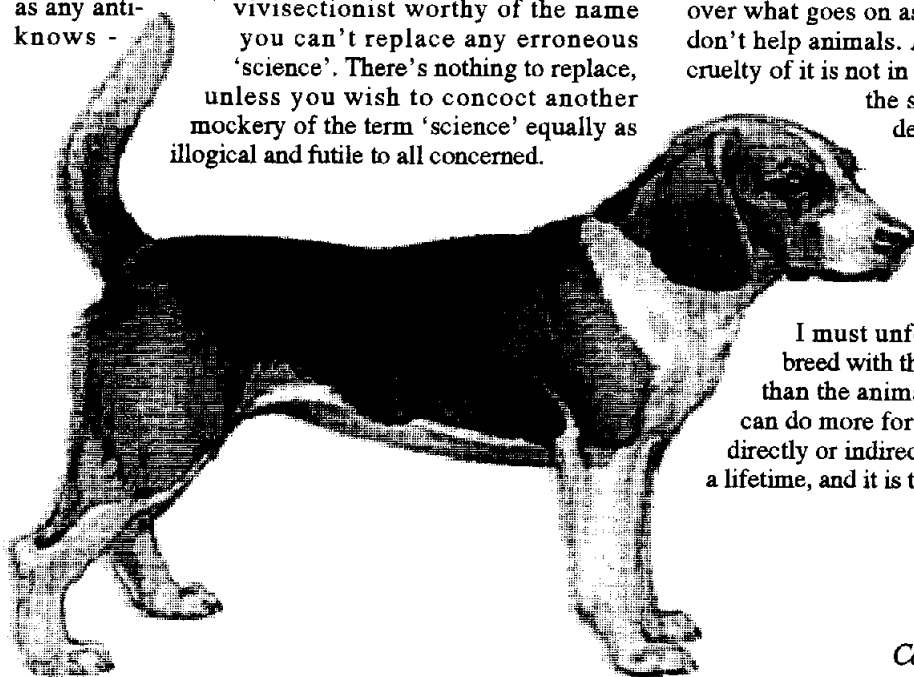
Like David Lane, I loathe backbiting and used to share his view that all conflict amongst animal rightists was only that. However having read Hans Ruesch's books and literature (right from Foundation Report No. 1, Mr. Lane) and then having proven for myself the validity of his exposes and investigations, I see now that the variance between BUAV and what it stands for and CIVIS and what it stands for is as Hans Ruesch says, "as big as that between night and day, or between vivisection and abolition".

On a final note, we ALL know animal experiments are monstrous, evil and cruel and I have cried as many tears over what goes on as the next animal rightist. But tears don't help animals. Action does, and because to me the cruelty of it is not in dispute and is blindingly obvious to the stupidist person, I choose instead to devote my energies to highlighting the not-so-obvious human health risks to the heartless selfish person for whom posters of cute puppy dogs being vivisected cuts no ice, for though such a person is as a despicable being indeed to me,

I must unfortunately concede that this is the breed with the political and societal power, rather than the animal lover, and this is the person who can do more for animals in a single stroke (whether directly or indirectly) than I shall probably achieve in a lifetime, and it is the animals that matter, not my pride.

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Arkangel 11 carried an article by Gareth Gee, former editor of 'Howl' magazine, entitled 'Hunt Saboteurs and the Police : Sleeping with the Enemy' and subtitled 'Why HSA Committee members have more in common with the police than they do with hunt saboteurs'. Here is a selection from the flood of replies!

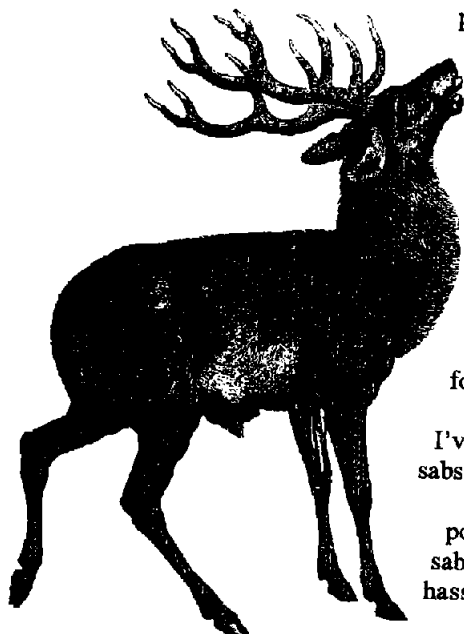
Hunt Sabotage: Why there must be No Compromise

by A. Anarchist

Never has anyone spoken a truer word about hunt sabotage and the police than Gareth Gee. As I read his article in Arkangel 11, I could almost hear the cries of: "but there is no class war", and "hunt sabbing has nothing to do with petty politics". Sure enough, when I attended a local group meeting, the topic of conversation was Gareth's article. And the widely-held opinion? - "over the top... nothing to do with class politics... the police might not be on our side but they are still human..." etc., etc.

Well wake up! Yes, the police may be human but, sadly, this doesn't disqualify them from being cruel, misguided puppets of an oppressive state. Vivisectors, hunt scum, farmers and the like are, after all, only human! But does this stop us hating them? Does this stop us from wanting to hurt them, to damage their trade so the real innocents here, the animals, don't have to suffer? Of course not. And at the end of the day that is our goal, TOTAL ANIMAL LIBERATION.

Most experienced sabs have met the occasional 'bobby' who gets embarrassed when his senior officer orders him to arrest a load of sabs, or the 'reasonable' police woman who doesn't get all pissy when you refuse to give your name and address. But I've known hunt supporters who have helped sabs change a wheel on their van, or phoned for an ambulance because a sab is lying semi-conscious on the ground after being beaten up by members of the hunt. Yet these hunspeople are still our enemy first just as the police will always be our enemy.



The police are, to be honest 'bloody horrible gits'. It's no good trying to pretend that they are only doing their job; no one forces them to join the Police Force! I've been on several sabs when, as a direct result of unjust policing (detaining sabs without reason, hassling van drivers

and so on), animals have lost their lives. Correct, the police themselves didn't actually kill the animals in question, but by supporting the murdering scum who did by directly preventing sabs from doing what, on at least three of these occasions, would have definitely saved the animals' lives, they may as well have carried out the death sentences themselves.

Gareth makes the point that we, as hunt saboteurs or A.R. people in general, cannot "work things out together" with the police. This is what the new HSA committee would have us do, compromise with the police! It is this wishy-washy attitude that will do more harm than good to the saboteurs' movement and thus, ultimately, to the animals whose lives depend on us. If we compromise on our feelings towards the police then where do we stop?

I personally know of sab groups which actually (can you believe it?!) try to compromise with the very hunts they are supposed to be sabbing! Oh yes, I've heard their 'reasoning' behind this: "we need to strike a bargain to stop getting trashed every week" or "we need to be accepted as part of the hunting tradition so that our actions are not seen as confrontational". For Christ's sake, this is what some saboteurs are actually saying! Striking 'deals' with the very scum they are supposed to be burying! And I can assuredly say that IT DOESN'T WORK. Like the vivisectors or, perhaps more appropriately, the police, people like this only give something to further their own interests, to 'keep the peace' long enough to allow them to get away with, literally, murder.

This, I feel, is the point Gareth Gee is getting across, because the police, in their obvious opposition to us, support the hunting fraternity they are themselves responsible for the continuation of animal abuse. As such they are our enemy. In the struggle for animal liberation, of which hunt sabotage is a major force, we must recognise this enemy and do our damndest to defeat it. This means NO COMPROMISE. No matter how the middle class HSA committee view the police we, as hunt saboteurs, the ground-troops so to speak, must not give an inch. The killing must end - so hunting must be stopped. The State supports this murderous activity, and the police are agents of the State. God help the animals if the day ever dawns when hunt saboteurs really start listening to people like Paul Davis and try and 'get on' with the police.

Hunt Saboteurs and the Police : 'Anon.' Responds

by Anon.

Gareth Gee seems so anxious to establish his "ordinary working class" credentials that he undermines his own argument.

There's little prospect of sabbing being co-opted by the State whilst the litany of police harassment Gee cites continues - the real danger comes when there is a "genuine working relationship" and every copper is "PC Decent". As a presumed revolutionary, Gee doesn't have to prove "all coppers are bastards" - just by 'keeping the peace' and 'only doing their job', they preserve the existing hierarchical social order. Its inequality is itself violence.

Although Gee rightly attacks the HSA Committee for their reformism, he forgets that there are elements of the State that would sooner ban hunting than see conflict on the killing fields broaden into a more general threat to the social peace that otherwise leaves their power and privilege unchallenged. Gee also attacks the HSA Committee for their "middle class" mentality but just as they will achieve nothing by doing deals with the State to defuse conflict, so sabs in the field will achieve as little if they confine themselves to that one arena.

The State isn't particularly concerned that sabs oppose hunting, its concern is how they oppose it. Rather than appealing to the State's monopoly of power to stop it for them, sabs undermine that monopoly by taking direct action themselves. Direct action means that people can do without the State - and can do away with it. Hunting is but one aspect of hierarchical power - sabs sussed enough to take direct action against hunting should be sussed enough to take direct action against all other aspects of hierarchical power that are its guarantors.

The police should be resisted not because they are "cop bastards" - who cares what they're like as individuals? - but because they are key guarantors of the State power monopoly. Without the likes of them to 'keep the peace', we would all have the power to make our own justice rather than the privileged few who abuse it to serve their own ends.

All the above should be obvious - my other reason for writing is to respond to Gee's attack on "Thames Valley sabs" as it's caused unnecessary disunity with Northern groups.

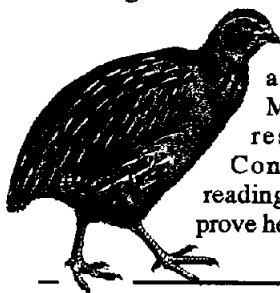
Just because Paul Davies happens to live in the Thames Valley region, Gee should be allowed to get away with attacking all sabs in that region because of his dispute with the HSA Committee! The fact is that at the 1993 AGM, the HSA as a whole "refuse[d] to exclude Margaret Flynnne" and so share equal responsibility for that decision. Contrary to Gee's assertions, any reading of the minutes of that debate will prove her politics were at issue, not whether

or not she is a "good sab".

Gee is on very dangerous ground when he writes: "the HSA Committee now has more in common with fascists and moralisers than it does with its own direct-action/anarchist roots" as any informed reading of the first issues of Howl will demonstrate. Ideological genealogies aside, that Gee continues to refer to "Margaret Flynnne" when she reverted to her maiden name on separating from her husband and that he implies she is still a "fascist" when the editor of the Milton Keynes Gazette is currently being sued for alleging exactly that shows Gee doesn't know what he's talking about.

He is as embarrassing straining to establish his anti-fascist credentials as he is his working class ones. No-one will deny the person in question's involvement in the neo-Nazi November 9th Society in the early-1980's - I have read her crude revisionist tracts - but any competent anti-fascist knows it is counter-productive to attack ex-fascists, particularly when the organisation they were involved in is defunct and was always marginal to, and regarded as a joke by, the far Right anyway. What Gee is suffering from is a severe case of the 'contamination' thinking so thoroughly critiqued by Don Keoghty's article Fearful Symmetry [Here & Now #14, pp.40-44]. It is not enough that a woman is pilloried for a past association with a man she no longer wants anything to do with - it seems everyone even remotely associated with her is also branded "fascist".

Gee also tries to have it both ways arguing the media doesn't matter to excuse his own "infantile" public statements and then using the 'bad press' surrounding the Tom Worby incident to discredit the HSA Committee for poor judgement. I take the view that the media is a powerful tool of the State and Gee is playing into their hands by accepting their attempts to discredit hunt sabotage through Margaret's past rather than challenging this as the crude 'blame the victim' propaganda offensive that it was. The media were appealing to exactly the same 'contamination' thinking that Gee is afflicted with - which is why he and too many others in the HSA were so easily manipulated by the black propaganda retailed by State asset and Searchlight editor Gerry Gable. He features as advisor to the Daily Telegraph article on the Worby incident and it isn't the first time Searchlight have smeared animal rights militants with a far Right label - they were advising at David Henshaw's elbow when Animal Warfare ludicrously claimed SG founder Dave Nicholls was the British Movement's Essex organiser [A Lie Too Far, pp.35-38]. The reason this disinformation is going out is to isolate animal rights militants from the broader Left - sorry Gareth, but by not countering that disinformation when it was directed at Margaret, the "fascist" label's stuck to you too as far as they're concerned. Maybe now you appreciate how irrational and divisive 'contamination' thinking is and might consider attacking the media instead of its victims in future.



Hunt Sabotage: The Ends Justify the Means

by Anthony Hare

Speaking as a sab of some four seasons now, my own experiences, as in common with many if not most others, support Gareth Gee's assertion that the police are one of our enemies and that the impartiality and fairness practiced by a few should only ever be viewed with caution.

However, what I do take issue with is Gareth Gee's complete condemnation of the way Paul Davis, with other members of the H.S.A. committee, have chosen to oppose the Criminal Justice Bill.

Recognising as we all do how this bill affects sabs directly and of how, as a united body, we have to oppose it on a political level too. Then surely, since most of us are out there in the field saving lives, the H.S.A. committee, as our representatives, seems to me to be in the best position to mobilise public support behind us in an attempt to prevent this iniquitous bill being passed. And so the crux of the matter is this (and many may dislike me for saying so) but sadly, it is the educated, the middle-classes, who usually have the confidence to express themselves articulately at MP's surgeries, speak to the media with ease, or write coherent and convincing letters to politicians and national newspapers.

Yes, as a sab, I would be the first to agree that some of the text on Paul Davis' leaflet does have an air of the paradoxical and is so for the simple reason that it isn't a leaflet designed for sabs. Its readership is meant to consist of those with 9-5 jobs, those who are busily striving to meet the mortgage repayments or get the money for yet another car and seldom think of anything else but themselves and their immediate families. People who basically, however good their intentions towards animal welfare, have little sympathy for the rights of animals. We've all met these people. They sign a petition on a stall opposing vivisection or live exports but still shop at Boots or ask the GP for a 'miracle' potion when illness strikes and, of course, still eat meat.

The point I'm making is this. In trying to defeat the Criminal Justice Bill, the H.S.A. committee is courting popular appeal; trying to appeal in a non-extreme way to the majority of people in this country who lead very conventional, orthodox lives. Of course it's important to remember our direct-action anarchist roots, and as vegans, through the tacit refusal to be party to the abuse and exploitation of other living beings, everyone within the animal rights movement, including those on the H.S.A. committee, practice a fundamental anarchist premise. I honestly believe we are likely to alienate a lot of ordinary people at a most crucial period in our history if we dismiss all police as bastards. This isn't to say we shouldn't enlighten others about the wrongful arrest of sabs and the prejudicial attitudes in favour of hunting scum, but to attempt to do so on a single side of a leaflet is inadequate. Complaints of this nature are likely to be misconstrued and read out of context.

The fact is, people don't generally hate the police. If anything, they are admired for doing a difficult and potentially hazardous job. Neither do people generally have anarchist aspirations and the use of language seemingly advocating this will only be viewed as extreme.

Living as we do in a society where the abuse and killing of animals for pleasure and profit is accepted as normal then, when necessary, it is justifiable to be manipulative, even devious, in our use of language if we are to succeed in achieving our aims. As a movement we should never underestimate the power and influence of the spoken or written word. If this wasn't the case, why hasn't the government (the cause of so much anguish for animals and humans alike) irrespective of its political persuasion, been overthrown a very long time ago.

CONFLICT

If you support anarcho/punk music and animal rights then you should not miss the Conflict gig on Sat 29th October 1994 at the Astoria, Charing Cross Rd, London W1. Speakers and stalls will be provided by the ALF SG from whom you may obtain information and advance tickets. For further information about the band please write to: Conflict, PO Box 448, Eltham, London SE9.

Benefit Tape

A benefit tape has been produced featuring original music by Jez Caudle. The music is reminiscent of Mike Oldfield and Jean Michel Jarre.

The cassette is priced at £3.00 but half of the proceeds will be donated to Arkangel, ALF SG and Newcastle Animal Rights Coalition.

Cheques should be made payable to Newcastle Animal Rights Coalition and sent to:

Tape Offer,
PO Box 1JY, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE99 1JY.

Campaigns Update

Pig Unit Exposed

by Vikki Watkins of FAUNA

On Sunday 19th June 1994, South Wales Animal Rights Organisation F.A.U.N.A. filmed evidence of cruel conditions and suffering at the pig unit at Usk College of Agriculture.

"Upon entering the unit, we found some pigs were in filthy conditions. The stench was appalling. At the college most of the breeding sows are kept confined in stalls. All of the fattening pigs are housed in dark stinking sheds, in overcrowded pens. In the fattening house we observed one pig with a growth as big as a football hanging from his stomach. We found another pig unable to stand, dragging himself around on his rear quarters.

In one unit we found mother sows kept cramped and confined in cruel farrowing crates unable to turn around. Upon closer inspection of the unit we found dead piglets and one dead piglet had been put on top of the crate in full view of its clearly distressed mother. We found sows imprisoned in sow stalls, row upon row, unable to turn around. Upon opening the door of a windowless unit labelled 'Flat Deck', we found young piglets kept in virtual darkness, in metal pens with no bedding or straw. There were around 20 piglets to each pen".

F.A.U.N.A. made a formal complaint to the RSPCA and MAFF. An RSPCA inspector witnessed the video and MAFF collected a copy of the video from us. MAFF did not want to make a joint inspection of the college with the RSPCA inspector so they sent a MAFF Veterinary Officer to the unit, who reported that there were no breaches of any regulations and that he was quite happy with conditions there!

If anyone kept a dog or any other domestic animal in any of these conditions they would be prosecuted. USK College of Agriculture is a teaching college and teaches student farmers how to farm. If their pig unit is any example of this teaching, it is with little wonder that farm animal abuse and cruelty is on the increase.

Completely dissatisfied with the outcome of MAFF's enquiry, F.A.U.N.A. released the video to the press. It made headline news on HTV Wales throughout Thursday 23rd June 1994, being the first item on each news bulletin.

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Campaign to Close Shamrock Farm

Plans for 1995 World Day Against Shamrock events, in Brighton, have now been formalised:

The march: Assemble Preston Park, Brighton (just off the A23) from 1pm for 2pm start (plenty of parking nearby). The rally, beginning approx. 4.30pm, will be held in a terraced area on the esplanade near the hall (Maps will be supplied to applicants). Refreshments will be available. Short speeches will be given by Anti-Shamrock activists and others.

As too much food was prepared at the 1994 event, vegan meals will only be available on production of a voucher at Friends Meeting House, Ship Street, Brighton - For a voucher send £1.50 for each meal required to the address below. There will be about 20 stalls. Stalls are free of charge to any voluntary group- apply now. Social evening at same venue.

Throughout the summer activists have been raising funds to supplement expenses for groups coming from beyond a 200 mile radius by giving free meal vouchers to up to 12 people from any one group. Send for an application form to the address below. We also intend providing free refreshments (non-alcoholic) to all at the rally. In a spirit of comradeship, any donations towards this event will be very welcome. Please make cheques payable to BRAWR (Brighton Region Animal Welfare & Rights Centre) and send to the address below.

The 1994 World Day march against Shamrock was held over a two mile route through Brighton Town centre. It was so active it lasted for three hours. There were seven sit-downs, with wreath-laying ceremonies accompanied by a minute's silence at the doors of Boots the Vivisectionists, McDonalds and other animal abusers.

Nearly everyone participated in the sit-downs and yet there were no arrests. Whilst this was truly an activists' march the participants behaved in a thoroughly responsible manner, resulting in excellent feedback from the public at the stalls which have been held throughout the summer. Join us in Brighton on April 22nd, 1995 and help to make this 1995 World Day for Laboratory Animals demonstration even more effective.

An active campaign by the ALF and other groups has recently forced the closure of Hyline Rabbits, proving the animal abusers can be stopped. We need your help to close Shamrock Farm (UK) Ltd., the major importers of primates caught in the wild, in the European Union. Please send us an assurance that you and/or your local animal rights group will be attending the demonstrations on April 22nd 1995, by writing to: TCTCSF, Room 3, 10 Waterloo Place, Brighton, East Sussex BN2 2NB. We look forward to hearing from you.

Big Mac on the Run

- the McLibel Trial gets off the mark!

The long-awaited McLibel trial started in the High Court in London on 28th June, and is proving, as expected, to be a very interesting and controversial case. The action began 4 years ago when McDonald's served writs alleging they had been libelled in a London Greenpeace factsheet. The areas covered in the factsheet, which have become the issues in dispute at the trial, are:

The connection between multinational companies like McDonald's, cash crops, and starvation in the third world

The responsibility of corporations such as McDonald's for damage to the environment, including destruction of rainforests

The wasteful and harmful effects of the mountains of packaging used by McDonald's and other companies

McDonald's promotion and sale of food with a low fibre, high fat, saturated fat, sodium and sugar content, and the links between a diet of this type and the major degenerative diseases in western society, including heart disease and cancer

McDonald's exploitation of children by its use of advertisements and gimmicks to sell unhealthy products

The barbaric way that animals are reared and slaughtered to supply products for McDonald's

The lousy conditions that workers in the catering industry are forced to work under, and the low wages paid by McDonald's

McDonald's hostility towards trade unions.

Since there is no right to Legal Aid in libel cases, Helen Steel and Dave Morris, the two people accused of libelling McDonald's, are representing themselves against the burger giant's team of top libel lawyers. However, their cross examination skills (for which they have had no training) are proving very effective in cutting through the company's propaganda and shiny public image to reveal the truth about its operations.

The Defendants outlined criticisms of the multinational corporation in their opening speech. Helen summed up the case with the word 'censorship', describing McDonald's as the Robert Maxwell of corporations, using libel writs to silence their critics. Many of McDonald's critics had been

forced to apologise due to the enormous costs of fighting a libel action. The defence of this case, which has dragged McDonald's into the spotlight, has only been possible because of the generosity of the campaign's supporters (including Arkangel readers). As a result, MuckDonald's is having to sustain in open court, for the first time, the claim that criticism of its practices is unjustified. Already, there has been a flood of publicity about the case both in the UK and abroad, so more people are learning the truth about McDonald's.

No jury - but a counterclaim

The case is being tried without a jury (which is unusual for a libel case) after McDonald's argued that the issues were 'too complex' to allow their assessment by a jury. The Defendants were outraged, but appeals to higher courts proved fruitless. However, in May, Helen & Dave lodged a counterclaim against the fast 'food' conglomerate for libel. McDonald's had issued press releases and leaflets (which were available nationwide in the company's stores) claiming that their critics (including the Defendants) were deliberately circulating lies about the company. The truth is that it is McDonald's who has been deceiving the public, for example with its lies about not using beef reared on ex-rainforest land. The counterclaim (which will run concurrently with McDonald's claim) means that it should now be up to the multinational to prove its assertion that the factsheet "*What's Wrong with McDonald's*", produced by London Greenpeace, is untrue.

Destruction of the Rainforests

During the Defendants' opening speeches, internal company documents were read to the court in which McDonald's admitted the purchase of beef imported from Brazil, a rainforest country; this was contrasted with their frequent denials of the use of beef from rainforest countries. Despite objections by the corporation's highly-paid barrister, an extract from the TV documentary 'Jungleburger' was shown, in which McDonald's beef suppliers in Costa Rica stated that they also supplied beef for use by McDonald's in the USA.

UK President in the Stand

Over a number of days, the McLibel 2 grilled 'Big Mac' himself. Paul Preston, McDonald's UK President, said that if one million customers each bought a soft drink, he would not expect more than 100 to 150 cups to end up as litter, even though an article read out in court quoted Preston as saying that litter is the biggest source of complaint! He asserted that styrofoam packaging is less environmentally damaging than using plates, knives and forks!

Incredibly, Preston claimed that the character Ronald

McDonald was intended not to "sell food" to children, but to promote the "McDonald's experience". However, he did agree that Ronald "is a useful marketing tool". It was revealed in court that the original Ronald McDonald actor had quit and publicly apologised, stating: "I brainwashed youngsters into doing wrong. I want to say sorry to children everywhere for selling out to concerns who make millions by murdering animals."

Trade Unions

A taster of the abundant evidence to come on McDonald's attitude to trade unions was provided by Robert Beavers, Senior Vice-President of the corporation in the USA. He agreed that in the early 70's, at a time when trade unions were trying to organise in McDonald's in the US, the company set up a "flying squad" of experienced managers to intervene the same day at any store where a union was active. Unions made no headway in the company.

Packaging - Styrofoam & CFC's

Robert Langert, the Director of Environmental Affairs for the McDonald's Corporation, accepted that CFCs (used in McDonald's polystyrene foam food packaging) were banned by the US Congress as an aerosol propellant in 1978, but he said that McDonald's was not aware of CFC/ozone depletion as an issue until the mid-80's. Following worldwide concern over CFCs, McDonald's had phased out use of CFCs and HCFCs. However, Mr Kouchoukos, "Environmental Affairs" Manager of Perseco (the sole supplier of McDonald's packaging in over 60 countries), admitted that in 1989 these were still being used in 29 countries, and that even now HCFCs are used in the Philippines and Turkey.

Professor Duxbury, expert witness for McDonald's, agreed that CFCs & HCFCs caused damage to the ozone layer and that in 1988 McDonald's used "significant" quantities of these chemicals. He further said that McDonald's present UK blowing agent, pentane, contributes to smog formation and the greenhouse effect.

Defence expert witness from the USA, Brian Lipsett, explained how the 'McToxics' campaign (of which he was the coordinator) galvanised thousands of protests and official bans and forced McDonald's to withdraw their polystyrene foam food packaging in the US. Mr Lipsett firstly identified the problems associated with styrofoam production - toxic wastes, damage to the ozone layer and smog pollution. Secondly he identified the usage problems - the leaching of styrene from the packaging into the foods packaged in the foam. Thirdly, he identified the disposal problems - the sheer volume of the material and the lack of a suitable method of disposal. McDonald's has continued to use styrofoam in many countries, including the UK.

Nutrition

During the evidence of John Horwitz, a lawyer employed by McDonald's in the US, the Court heard that in 1987 the Attorneys General of three states in the USA threatened legal action against the company over a "deceptive" advertising campaign which promoted their food as "nutritious". The advertisements focused on areas of

consumer concern at that time: sodium and cholesterol content, 'natural' ingredients and other matters. The Attorney General of Texas told McDonald's to "cease and desist" further use of the advertisements and said "the reason for this is simple: McDonald's food is, as a whole, not nutritious. The intent and result of the current campaign is to deceive customers into believing the opposite". The court also heard that an internal company memo, reporting on a high level meeting in 1986 with public relations advisors prior to this advertising campaign stated "McDonald's should attempt to deflect the basic negative thrust of our critics.....How do we do this? By talking 'moderation and balance'. We can't really address or defend nutrition. We don't sell nutrition and people don't come to McDonald's for nutrition".

McDonald's expert witness Verner Wheelock, a consultant engaged by the company since 1991, admitted that there is a considerable amount of evidence that diseases such as obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke and some forms of cancer are related to a diet high in fat, saturated fat, salt and sugar and low in dietary fibre. He agreed that: "We have now reached the point where we can be very confident that diet is the primary factor in the development of most of the degenerative diseases in many industrialised countries" (including cancer). He also agreed with government dietary recommendations based on such views. He admitted that a typical McDonald's meal was high in fat, saturated fat and sodium content (Paul Preston had earlier admitted that McDonald's products were low in fibre) and would not come within dietary recommendations and further that it was "not sensible" to encourage the eating of foods high in fat, saturated fat, sugar and sodium (salt) and low in fibre. He accepted that people were attracted to high levels of sugar and salt and found it hard to give up the taste.

Wheelock contended that the number of McDonald's customers who ate there more than once a week was 'infinitesimal' - the Defendants put surveys to him which showed that in fact many people ate an unhealthy diet of burger type meals on a daily basis, and approximately 6% of McDonald's own staff ate the company's food daily.

When asked about the company's description of its food as 'nutritious' he defined the word to mean "contains nutrients". He then accepted that all foods have nutrients. When asked to define 'junk food' he said it was 'whatever a person doesn't like' (in his case semolina). With disbelief mounting in the courtroom, Richard Rampton (McDonald's Q.C.) intervened to say that McDonald's was not objecting to the description of their food as 'junk food'!

Animals

Dr Neville Gregory, McDonald's expert witness on the rearing and slaughter of animals, reported on and was questioned about site visits made to McDonald's suppliers.

Chickens - Living conditions for the broiler chickens used to make 'Chicken McNuggets' and 'McChicken sandwiches' were outlined. Birds were crammed into

sheds, with less than the size of an A4 sheet of paper per bird and no access to daylight. Due to such conditions and constant efforts by the broiler industry to breed heavier and faster growing chickens, 44% of the chickens had leg abnormalities and other health problems occurred. Young chicks were regularly dosed with antibiotics in an attempt to reduce disease. Despite this many chicks were rejected by the company, dumped into dustbin-sized containers and gassed.

When birds were transported to the slaughterhouse, (aged 6-7 weeks) many received bruises and broken bones, some dying as a result. The birds were hung upside down before being electrically stunned in water. Up to 14% of the chickens received pre-stun shocks, which cause distress and can be painful. 1% of birds (around 1350 per day) were decapitated without being stunned, which Dr Gregory agreed could cause suffering. A further 1% were not dead on entering the scalding tank. He agreed that the stunning and killing methods used did not comply with the governments Codes of Practice, and might lead to distress and pain for the birds.

Dr Gregory told how McDonald's egg suppliers kept chickens in battery cages, 5 chickens to a cage with even less space per bird than the broiler chickens and with no freedom of movement and no access to fresh air or sunshine.

Pigs - Dr Gregory related that at least 40% of piglets reared for McDonald's products were raised in indoor breeding units. All pigs had their teeth clipped and one in four had their tails docked. When they reached 40kg the pigs were transferred to fattening units, where for the last part of their lives there was only half a square metre of floor space per pig.

Pigs were stunned using electric tongs and then shackled and knifed, some falling off the "bleeding rail" before they were killed. The method and current used during stunning meant there was a risk that pigs could suffer pain and distress. Dr Gregory stated that the method of slaughter had "shortcomings".

Cattle - Dr Gregory stated that abattoirs supplying McDonald's beef supplier used mainly ex-dairy cows. He accepted that dairy cows were subjected to stress, pain, exhaustion, and disease due to being forced to be almost constantly pregnant and milked. When they became unproductive after only a few years they were sent to be slaughtered for McDonald's burgers. Electric goads were used to force the cows into stunning pens. Cattle were stunned with a captive bolt pistol to the head. Dr Gregory stated that "the accuracy of shooting was not particularly good". Half of the skulls examined showed an inaccurate aim. Imperfect stunning was estimated at 3.7%.

General - Dr Gregory said that suppliers were concerned that more effective (higher) stunning currents in general would affect meat quality, and also that slower killing lines (allowing increased accuracy) would affect profits. He accepted that during inspections slaughter rates are often slowed down because "people are more careful about what they are doing when they are being scrutinised". (Helen & Dave have been unable to independently verify

conditions as their expert witnesses have been denied access to the relevant establishments.)

The trial has now broken off for the summer and will resume on 12th September. It is scheduled to go on until next year. Please come along to the court to show your support. The trial is open to members of the public, starting at 10.30am daily: *Court 35, Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London WC2 (Holborn/Temple tubes)*. Ring 071 713 1269 for details and directions. If you are travelling a long way to get to the court we advise that you ring this number to check that the court will be sitting on the day you intend to come.

Here are some dates for your diary:

Monday 12th September: trial resumes. Picket outside the High Court, Strand, London WC2 (Holborn/Temple tubes), 9.30 - 11.30am.

Saturday 8th October: nationwide Day of Action - pickets outside McDonald's stores across the country (leaflets available at 12 per 1,000 from 0602 585666).

Friday 14th October, 4.30 - 6.30pm: Picket of McDonald's Euro/UK headquarters, High Road, London N2 (by East Finchley tube).

Saturday 15th October: NATIONAL MARCH AGAINST McDONALD'S - Fight Corporate Censorship! Assemble Euston Station, London at Noon.

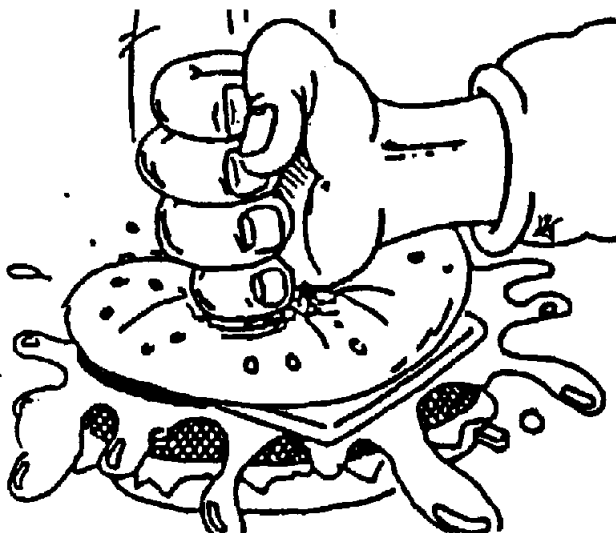
Saturday 29th October: London Greenpeace Fayre '94, 11am - 8pm, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 - stalls, videos, vegan food, discussions, creche.

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Some Recommended Reading

ALF SUPPORTERS GROUP NEWSLETTER BCM 1160, London WC1N 3XX: £1.00. Contains information concerning A/R prisoners and defence funds, articles and news. Bi-monthly.

TURNING POINT PO Box 45, Northolt, Middlesex UB5 6SZ: £1.50. Excellent animal rights/liberation magazine. Bi-monthly.

VEGETARIAN LIVING Available from W.H.Smiths and some newsagents: £1.75. Excellent magazine which not only covers a wide range of issues concerning vegetarianism and veganism but is also supportive of animal liberation issues. Monthly.

THE ANIMALS CONTACT LIST Veggies, 180 Mansfield Road, Nottingham NG1 3HW: £2.00 (inc p&p). The list provides a co-ordinated means by which groups can contact one another with details of their work, news of campaigns, or requests for support.

ARC NEWS c/o Free with SAE. ARC activities as well as an

PO Box 155, Manchester M60 1FT: NEWS contains reports of local group up-to-date list of events.

VEGAN VIEWS BH7 7AD: The magazine its readers. Quarterly.

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Vegan / Veggie Food in Southsea

Vegans and vegetarians visiting Southsea in Hampshire should not miss visiting 'The Orchard Cafe' which can be found at 243a Francis Avenue, Southsea (0705 614666). They specialise in a wide range of organic (where possible) vegan/veggie meals at reasonable prices. A good example being the vegan dish of the day (soup and main meal) is normally no more than £3.00.

The cafe is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 9am to 5pm, and Friday and Saturday: 9am to 9pm.



THE ROAD TO VICTORY

A Jack Russell trapped for 53 hours in a rabbit warren was rescued in an operation by the Army, the Fire Service and the water authorities. (Daily Telegraph 3.2.94)

British Coal's last 4 pit ponies retired yesterday at Ellington colliery in Northumberland. (Daily Telegraph 25.2.94)

Two men were arrested yesterday in a series of raids across Britain to halt the trade in wild birds of prey. (Daily Telegraph 28.2.94)

11 countries have agreed to help save the world's remaining tigers by working together to protect their habitats and fight the poachers who are killing them. After a 2 day New Delhi convention, the countries proposed a Global Tiger Forum that would try to raise money for a world-wide campaign to save the species. (Daily Telegraph 5.3.94)

Travel companies are for the first time boycotting a holiday destination as a result of its record on environmental issues. They are to drop the Faroe Islands, a tiny archipelago half way between Scotland and Iceland, because the inhabitants are slaughtering pilot whales. (Daily Telegraph 5.3.94)

Britain's two major cancer research charities, the Cancer Research Campaign and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, have been severely criticised by the Charities Commission for allowing alternative treatments to be unfairly damned. (Outrage Feb-Mar 94)

A pregnant pony believed to have been used as a lure to bring out aggression in a fighting dog has confounded veterinary experts by giving birth to a foal despite her injuries. (Daily Telegraph 7.3.94)

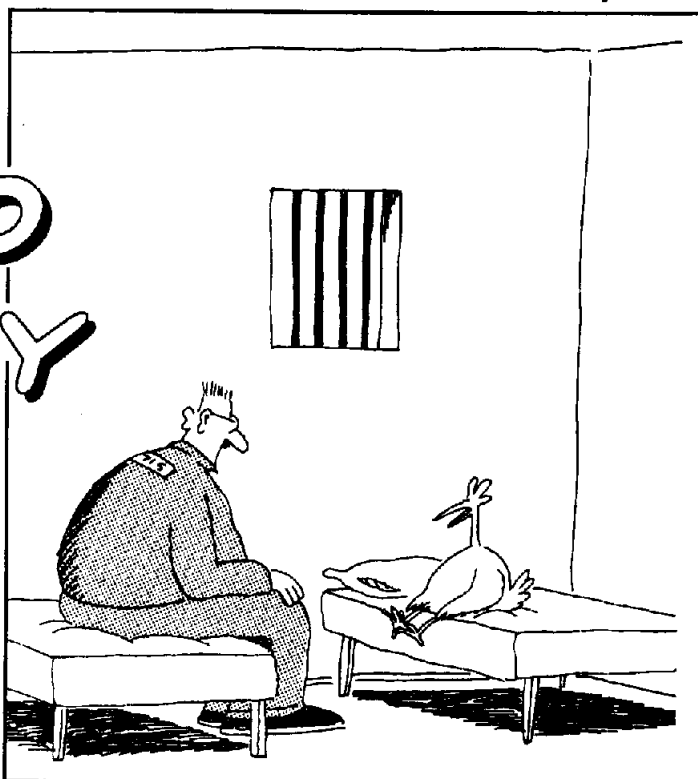
A cat was rescued by fireman after being trapped 30 feet down a well at Headley, Hants. for two weeks. (Daily Telegraph 8.3.94)

A dog that was buried in a field after being run over by his owner has returned to the family home in Artesia, New Mexico. (Daily Telegraph 10.3.94)

The Meat and Livestock Commission have closed 2 regional offices (Taunton and Bury St. Edmunds) as well as the abattoir design services and meat industry management services. 47 jobs have been lost as a result. (Meat Trades Journal 27.1.94)

In 1992 there were 10,202,000 turkeys in U.K. farms. In 1993 there were 9,134,000 turkeys, a drop of 1,068,000. (Meat Trades Journal 27.1.94)

Almost 200 rare birds' eggs and 2 stuffed birds of



"So then, when Old MacDonald turned his back, I took that axe, and with a whack whack here and a whack whack there, I finished him off."

prey have been seized during a raid on a house in Bedworth, Warwickshire. (Daily Telegraph 11.3.94)

Wadebridge Quality Meats, a north Cornwall abattoir, has closed with the loss of 20 jobs. The medium-sized plant had a throughput of 100 bullocks, 400 pigs and 400 sheep a week. (Meat Trades Journal 27.1.94)

Britain will demand tighter animal health and welfare controls by Germany after the arrival of batches of diseased and aged sheep destined for ritual slaughter by Muslims. (Daily Telegraph 14.3.94)

The Fairfax Group meat processing company has gone into receivership. (Teletext 24.3.94)

Animal Rights Activists are applauding Pumpkin the sea-lion after his dash to freedom from a U.S. Navy training exercise. Pumpkin went AWOL a week ago from a routine exercise off the California coast in which he was clearing dummy mines. Since then he has eluded all attempts at capture. Animal Rights supporters have condemned Pumpkin's captivity as an example of improper use of sea mammals for military purposes. (Daily Telegraph 2.4.94)

A scientific breakthrough has given thousands of horse and pony owners new hope in the fight against equine grass sickness, a disease which is regarded as the deadliest threat to British horses. (Daily Telegraph 2.4.94)

Jack Daniels has dropped its sponsorship of the shark fishing championships in Cornwall, and Grolsch-Ruddles has stopped supporting the Angling Times fishing match. (Turning Point April-June 94)

Armadale City Council is the 24th Australian Council to ban the use of wild animals in circuses. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

A new environment-friendly petrol containing less sulphur and benzene went on sale in Finland. It is also unleaded and oxygen-rich, which promotes cleaner combustion. (Daily Telegraph 7.4.94)

A firm link between sea lice from salmon farms and the decline of the sea trout off Western Ireland has been established. (Daily Telegraph 2.4.94)

An adopted German Shepherd dog was reunited with his owner at the end of a 100 mile walk from Birmingham to Derby. (Daily Telegraph 11.4.94)

More than 200 fish, including brown trout and salmon, were rescued by emergency teams after a river was polluted by 20,000 gallons of cow slurry. (Daily Telegraph 11.4.94)

A former employee of McDonalds Circus was fined £500 for his part in hospitalising 2 anti-circus campaigners. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

A huntmaster who suffered a stroke after trying to stop his hounds attacking deer on an earl's estate claimed yesterday that he was sacked in a hard-hearted manner. (Daily Telegraph 12.4.94)

A Belgian animal rights group have had a race, in which horses pull carts through the streets, temporarily banned. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

A paper at the 38th International Conference on Meat Science and Technology showed that almost a third of the population consider they are reducing meat consumption. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

Calvin Klein have terminated their fur business. (Animal Times Apr-May 94)

Broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and cabbage may help to prevent or slow growth of cancer. (Daily Telegraph 13.4.94)

The Olympic Committee did not release doves this time, thanks to pressure from animal groups. (Animal Times Apr-May 94)

Due to public outrage, US Military experiments on Rhesus monkeys due to have their blood literally boiled, have been cancelled. (Animal Times Apr-May 94)

A hunter was killed when he touched a 11,000 volt power line whilst collecting decoy birds. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

SAS patrols guarding the nests of Scotland's osprey population have prevented any eggs being stolen for the first time in years. (Daily Telegraph 28.4.94)

Horse butchers accused Brigitte Bardot of ruining their livelihood after a television appeal led to the French cutting their eating of horsemeat by a third. (Daily Telegraph 28.4.94)

The European Parliament voted down proposals by the Council of European Environment Ministers to extend the French bird hunting season by 20 days, so saving thousands of migrating birds from slaughter. (MEP 26.4.94)

Pakistan's government has responded to public concern by ordering the enforcement of anti-bear baiting laws. (Turning Point Apr-Jun 94)

Six cats condemned to death under the will of an 87 year old woman who left instructions that they should be destroyed if she died before them have been rescued by the ALF. Mr. Robin Webb, ALF Press Officer, said the raid had been carried out after all legal means to obtain a stay

of execution had failed. He said that the six cats were all now in good, permanent, loving homes. (Daily Telegraph 3.5.94)

A diet rich in soya may reduce the risk of developing hormone-related cancers of the prostate and breast. (Independent 10.5.94)

3 Peregrine Falcon eggs were saved from the demolition of their factory nest site and safely removed to a safe site. (Today 9.5.94)

Makers of Dr. Marten boots are hoping to get a foot in the veggie market by making footwear without leather. (Today 23.5.94)

The Festival of Food and Farming which was expected to attract nearly one million visitors to Hyde Park next May has been cancelled because no main sponsor could be found. (Daily Telegraph 17.5.94)

National Dormouse Week was hailed a great success after dormice were found at 263 sites across 21 counties. (Teletext 21.5.94)

In response to PETA's anti-vivisection campaign, Gillette banned animal tests for its skin care products company Jafra, and stopped all in-house animal tests while continuing to hire out laboratories. (Animal Times Jun-Jul 94)

The Prime Minister is expected to announce today that Britain has joined a global convention on the protection of wild life which will transform international trade in drugs and rainforest products. (Daily Telegraph 3.6.94)

Brigitte Bardot, the actress turned animal rights campaigner, appealed to President Mubarak to have Egypt's pets sterilised. (Daily Telegraph 1.6.94)

The wild otter is returning to Britain. 10 years after being driven to virtual extinction, the otter has returned to many of its old habitats, including the upper reaches of the Thames. (Evening Standard 7.6.94)

Taiwan is having talks with Vietnam and Hong Kong in an attempt to stop its nationals from eating bear paws and tiger penises as 'health foods' when they travel abroad. (Daily Telegraph 10.6.94)

Animal welfare groups claimed a victory last night after Gillian Shephard, the Minister of Agriculture, joined Germany and 3 smaller European Union nations in blocking proposed new controls on the transport of farm animals. (Independent 4.6.94)

A taxidermist was yesterday found guilty of 169 breaches of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. (Times 29.6.94)

America's most popular woman designer has dropped fur. (Animal Times Jun 94)

Swiss Air and Air Canada announced they will no longer serve liver pate on any flights. (Animal Times Jun 94)

New Government restrictions to prevent sheep and cattle damaging the countryside will undermine the competitive position of the British Livestock Industry. (Daily Telegraph 15.6.94)

People who do not eat meat are 40% less likely than others to die of cancer, researchers have found. Strong evidence that a vegetarian diet does protect against all types of cancer emerged from a 12 year British study of more than 11,000 adults. (Independent 24.6.94)

The traditional British breakfast of bacon and eggs is in terminal decline, says a survey of eating habits. Only 6% of all breakfasts now comprise bacon and eggs, while cereals and fruit are becoming increasingly popular. (Daily Telegraph 25.6.94)

A student from the University of Oklahoma has developed a method of measuring toxicity without using living animals. (Animal Times Jun 94)

Soldiers with the Royal Scots Dragoon Guards have turned a corner of Catterick Army Camp in North Yorkshire into a wildlife haven. The 28 acre site has been put off-limits to all ranks after being declared a protected conservation area by the M.O.D. (Daily Telegraph 27.6.94)

The beef industry received a severe blow last night when the Government admitted for the first time that calves under 6 months can be infected with mad cow disease.... The industry feared that live calf exports would be badly hit. (Daily Telegraph 1.7.94)

Two falconers, who kept endangered wild birds of prey claiming they had bred them in captivity, were caught out by a DNA genetic finger-printing test which proved that the birds could not have been bred from the claimed parents. They were fined over £1,000 each. (Times 6.7.94)

An angler will have to undergo plastic surgery after being attacked by a stingray while fishing on a Welsh beach. (Times 15.7.94)

Anglers are to be permanently banned from digging for worms in mudflats inhabited by wild birds in the Budle Bay section of the Lindisfarne National Nature Reserve. (Times 15.7.94)

The Department of Transport has spent £225,000 on building 22 badger tunnels under the final 17 mile section

of the M1-A1 link road in the Midlands. (Times 19.7.94)

A 93lb sea turtle, which was nearly blind when it was picked up off the Virginia coast, has a fighting chance of returning home after cataract surgery at National Aquarium. (Times 19.7.94)

Water companies have been authorised to spend £533m on cleaning up some of Britain's dirtiest rivers by the end of the century. (Daily Telegraph 7.7.94)

A man who soaked a dog in petrol and left it to burn to death was jailed for 4 years at the Old Bailey. (Daily Telegraph 7.7.94)

From next year, orphan lambs with unhealed navels (under about 7 days old) will no longer suffer the trauma of the market place where they can often succumb to the harsh conditions. (Agscene Spring 94)

Plans to demolish a steelyard at Romsey, Hants. were halted when barn owls were found nesting in a crane. (Daily Telegraph 11.7.94)

Further restrictions on the export of British beef are to be tabled by the European Commission. (Daily Telegraph 15.7.94)

Three Greenpeace activists, including 2 Britons, detained in Egersund, Norway, in a protest over whale hunting have been released after a day in jail. (Daily Telegraph 13.7.94)

Many sheep farmers face ruin because they cannot secure enough production quotas from the EC to run their flocks at a profit. (Daily Telegraph 13.7.94)

Battersea Dogs' Home is to be redeveloped as a £4.5m 'luxury hotel' for the strays by mid 1996. It will feature heated bed spaces, a new courtyard and a visitor reception centre. (Daily Telegraph 20.7.94)

The shy and secretive bittern, which is almost extinct in Britain, may make a come-back at the 300 acre Malltraeth Marsh on Anglesea, just purchased by the RSPB. (Daily Telegraph 26.7.94)

The Harvard School of Public Health has issued a study showing that men who reduce their meat consumption lower the risk of developing prostate cancer. (Meat Trades Journal 28.10.93)

About 1,500 Jackass penguins rescued after being trapped in an oil slick off South Africa's coast have been returned to the wild. Several thousand more have been cleaned and will be returned to their territory over the next few weeks. (Daily Telegraph 27.7.94)

Kuala Lumpur, Indonesia and Malaysia will set up the world's largest reserve, 2.4m acres of Borneo, to protect both tropical trees and animals. (Times 29.7.94)

Brittany Ferries will halt exports of live animals for slaughter on its six routes to France and Spain from August. The move follows a similar announcement from P&O. (Today 13.8.94)



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